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Trustees arrive for March meetings

By David H. Townsend
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The Trustees of the College have descended on the Hill for their March weekend, and as usual, the campus seems to look just a Little bit nicer.

The Trustees will meet in committees for most of the day to discuss topics ranging from faculty tenure decisions to a tuition proposal from President Gene Tobin. There are a total of 36 trustees and this March meeting is expected to be well attended.

The meetings began this morning with a 7:30 breakfast and will continue throughout the day culminating in a 5:00 pm dedication ceremony for the Little Pub. The pub, named after Trustee George F. Little, class of '71. The Pub is a new addition to the campus and has been well received by both students and faculty.

Little, the major contributor for the renovations to the building, is chairman of the trustee committee on development, and has served as the chairman of the College's annual fund. He now serves as Executive Vice President of George Little Man-

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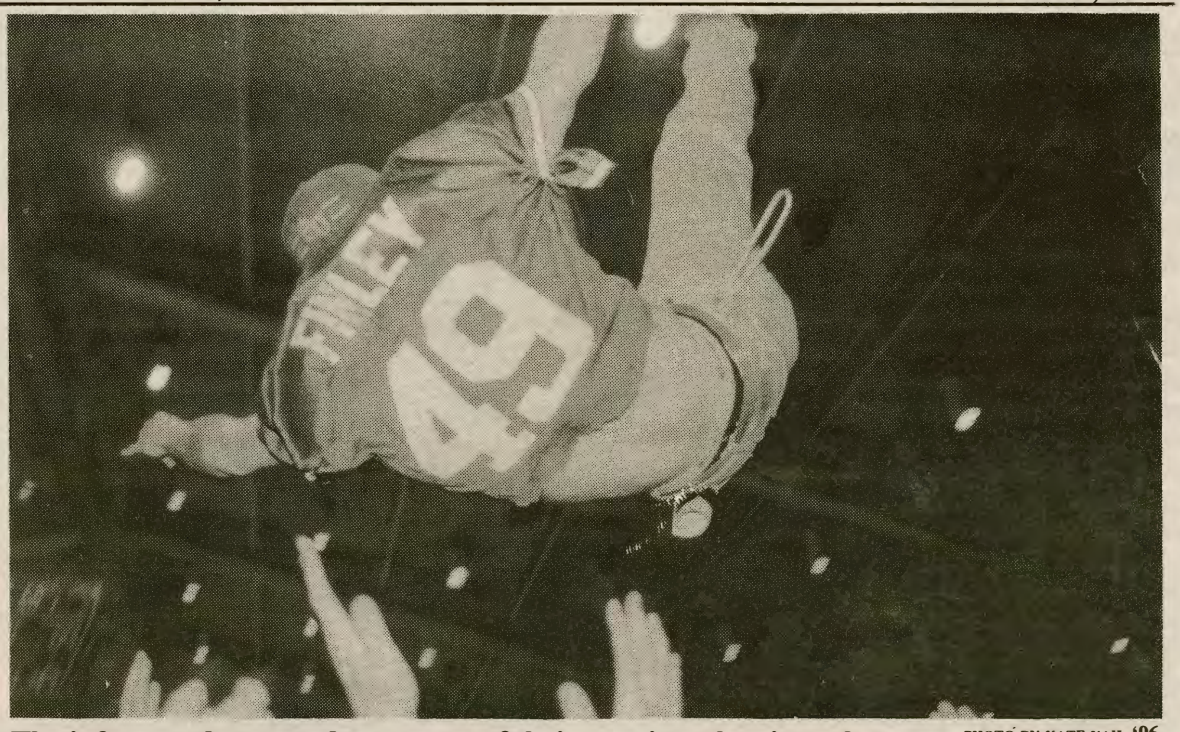

The infamous dog-pound tosses one of their own into the air as they watch their Continentals lose to St. Lawrence 85-78.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Security cracks down on parking violators

By Tom Ayres '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

To the displeasure of students, faculty, staff, and administrators, campus Security has stepped up its enforcement of the parking policy in the past week, claiming that unsafe driving and parking habits have warranted the crackdown.

On Saturday, a flyer was circulated through campus mail to the entire community restating the parking policy and alerting violators that "effective immediately all vehicles parked in roadways/fire lanes will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense." The flyer reiterated that all roadways (those around the Main Quad, West Quad, Little Pub, and ELS) are considered fire lanes, and thus driving or parking in these areas is prohibited.

"The state of parking is out of control," said Head of Security Pat Ingals. "We've let the majority of the violations slide in the past, but because of safety issues the time has come to aggressively enforce the policy."

In addition to increased ticketing and towing, chains restricting access to the Main Quad and "NO PARKING" signs in McEwen circle have been erected. "We need to keep the roadways clear for emergency services, particularly in the Main Quad," said Ms. Ingals.

She pointed out three accidents which occurred over the past two weekends in Bundy Drive because drivers attempted to squeeze past

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ISC to meet with Board

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Nearly one year to the day after the release of the comprehensive Residential Life Plan, three Trustees will meet tomorrow morning in President Tobin's Office at 11:15 AM with select representatives of the Inter Society Council—the campus organization ostensibly most affected by the Board of Trustees' decision.

Students attending the meeting are ISC President Christie Gammill '97, ISC Secretary Jon Fletcher '96, and former Academic Chair Bill Murphy '96. Scheduled Trustees are Chairman of the Board Kevin Kennedy '70, Chairman of the Residential Life Committee Stuart Scott '61 and Susan Valentine.

President Tobin will not be present for the meeting.

The powwow was granted as a result of a letter sent by Gammill to Kennedy on January 25th. In her letter, Gammill argued that the Board owed her council members the opportunity to express their opinions.

In order to present the Trustees with convincing proof that their resolution was unsatisfactory, the ISC conducted an anonymous three day poll which asked students whether they found life at Hamilton better or worse following last March's decision and then allowed them space for written remarks.

According to Gammill, 83% of the upperclassmen polled responded that their lives are now worse. Because first-year students have never experienced Hamilton with societies, they were given a separate question asking if they are presently happy with the social life on campus. A staggering majority of 91% answered the query negatively, indicating that they are in fact unhappy here.

Commenting on these figures, Gammill asserted, "for first-years to be involved in campus social life they either have to know someone in a society or join one."

First-year student Oren Rawls ratified Gammill's statement saying, "freshmen who aren't pledging are basically relegated to their dorms. The pub is for seniors and the frats have closed themselves off

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PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Panthers has three more appearances on the east coast.

BLSU sponsors Panthers production

By Aleksandr Voninski '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

As part of Black History Month, the Black-Latin Student Union sponsored a production entitled, "Panthers," on Tuesday evening in the Chapel. The production, a two man ensemble from Northern California, was a fictitious drama based on the history of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.

The play was well received by the audience, which was involved in a question and answer session the actors, Otis Bell and Robert Joseph, for nearly an hour after the performance. This is the LA-based duo's sixth showing of this production, with three more appearances yet to be shown on the East Coast.

When asked about the significance of a play like "Panthers" being shown on campus, Monique Green '96 replied, "The arts are a great avenue for black cultural history. The goal of Black History Month is to emphasize and reiterate the ideas and positive change that was brought about by strong black leaders. This is a great way to educate students and the community on a very important aspect of modern black history."

The play's setting was a Panther group house in Oakland, California, in the early 70's. The two characters, Winny, played by Bell, and Stone, played by Joseph, were not real members of the Panther organization, but were composites of issues that the group faced as a whole. These issues included unfair brutality by the police and FBI, drugs in the black community, chauvinism and internal strife among Panther members.

Winny, the Minister of Education of the West Coast Panthers, tries to reconcile with Stone, the Chief of Police. Both are firm in their devotion to the call for revolutionary change, but have split and come face to face when their ideological differences collide.

Stone, a strong-minded Panther who sees the best solution as armed confrontation, challenges Winny in his assertion that the Panthers should only concern themselves with social problems. Stone asserts that guerrilla warfare is the best viable solution for change and is tired of other Panthers'

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Oral communication requirement discussed

By Greg Gardner '96
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In accordance with President Tobin's commitment towards improving the quality of education at Hamilton College, the faculty is looking into the possibility of bringing back an oral requirement for all Hamilton students.

Tobin has a vision that will make all students more proficient in the skills of "communication and citizenship." As of now, students on the Hill complete their four years here with requirements in critical thinking, and writing skills, but the requirement for oral proficiency was stopped over twenty years ago.

In the 1960s, there was a 4 year speech requirement that insured all students would graduate with the oral abilities that can be, and are, extremely valuable to a number of jobs in the current marketplace. The ritual in the 60s was that each senior would deliver a speech in the chapel to the rest of the school. Most alumni will say that this was one of their most memorable experiences, even though some say that it was somewhat nerve-racking.

No such type of requirement like this exists at Hamilton today, except in certain laboratory sciences, where seniors must give presentations on the research that they have done. Students in such courses are tutored in the use of overheads and speech delivery.

Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong, in an attempt to aid in the implementation of Tobin's vision, will hold a two day faculty colloquium this summer, where the professors will meet to discuss possible ways of creating an oral requirement that might include such methods as required oral presentations for some number of classes. Fong would like to see the faculty "derive a modern equivalent of these expectations." "If not [an oral presentation] in the Chapel, then what kind of oral performance would be important?" he asks.

One additional experience that could be created would be presentations done for local high schools. Such an occurrence is already done through one of the College's most successful programs, the Levitt Scholar's Program.

Organized by the Levitt Center, the program "invites some of the best of our students to present their Theses in local high schools here, and in the hometowns of the presenters," says Paul Wyckoff, Associate Professor of Government, and the Director of the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center.

Students are nominated by their departments, and participation is done on a strictly voluntary basis. If a student chooses to accept the nomination, they will take a course in Public Speaking taught by Susan Mason, and then perform a dry run of their presentation for her. The student's talk is then advertised to different schools of high academic quality, and they in turn call staff assistant Sally Carman to set up a date.

The departments involved include Government, Sociology, Public Policy, Philosophy, History, and this year departments of the natural sciences have joined the program, including Biology, Geology, and Psychology. Wyckoff would like to see the program stretch across every department in the curriculum. This program has helped many people over the years with their oral skills, and the benefits are innumerable.

Fong believes that the oral skills gained through the Levitt Scholars Program are extremely beneficial, and would like to see every student leave Hamilton with the same type of skills that the Levitt Scholars leave with. "Tobin has said, 'Here's my vision. Could you put some wheels on it,'" notes Fong. That is what the faculty intends to do.

SPECTATOR ARCHIVES

Should we send the seniors back?

George Little to dedicate pub in ceremony tonight

PHOTO COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

George F. Little II '71 visits as trustee this weekend .

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agement, a group that manages national and international trade shows out of New York City. While earning his Bachelor of Arts degree here at Hamilton, he was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. In June, Little's class will hold its reunion at Hamilton using the Pub as its base for operations.

The trustee meetings will begin with a meeting of the Committee on Development. This committee will hear from Richard Tantillo, Vice President of Communications and Development on the status of the '95-'96 annual fund and the general status of alumni communication and development.

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Director of Residential Life, will then present to the Committee of Student Affairs a report on residential life at Hamilton. She will discuss equity of housing across class years and other housing concerns. This committee will also hear from the Director of Student Activities, Beverly Low, on a proposal for a student activities fee.

The Budget and Finance Committee will hear a recommendation from President Gene Tobin on future tuition costs. Tobin was unable to comment on his recommendation until after he had spoken with the trustees. The level of financial aid will be discussed in the context of declining levels of state and federal aid, while another serious concern for this committee is the future operating budget for the College.

The Committee on Instruction will consider four faculty members for tenured positions. The committee is presented with information on the candidates, but will not meet with them until after the decision on their tenure is made. Decisions will be announced Saturday morning.

The Committee on Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment will hear plans to renovate Soper Hall of Commons. The renovations will be done, "in the next couple of years," said Tobin. There is also consideration of a long term project proposal to re-route College Hill Road to make it a more attractive approach to the College.

After the extended day of meetings the trustees will relax at the Little Pub for the dedication ceremony. George Little will be in attendance hosting the event.

Pub gets official trustee opening. PHOTO BY ERIN MITCHELL '96

Rep. candidate Forbes suprises field, takes Arizona's 39 delegates at caucus

By Matt Nolan '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Bringing his campaign back from the dead this past Tuesday, Steve Forbes's stunning victory in Arizona once again thrust the millionaire publisher into the thick of the race. Forbes edged out New Hampshire winner Pat Buchanan, and Senator Bob Dole who won 30% and 27% of the vote, respectively. The senior senator from Kansas took the North and South Dakota primaries handily in the same day. The primary shook the foundations of the Lamar Alexander candidacy as he finished an abysmal fourth, garnering only 7% of the vote.

In the race to win delegates for the Republican Convention, Forbes now leads the field with 60 delegates, Buchanan holds 37 positions, Dole 35 and Alexander a scant 10 delegates. Aside from the Arizona primary Forbes also took the Delaware primary where he was the only candidate to campaign. The candidates are chasing the illusive 996 delegates needed to win the 1996 Republican Presidential nomination.

Buchanan's campaign took the biggest hit in the Arizona primary as the candidate had often commented that he was sure of victory in the state. Buchanan's early victories in Iowa and New Hampshire seemed to signal that the candidate might pull away from the rest of the field. But with Forbes victory on Tuesday it remains evident that the Republicans still lack a front runner for others to chase.

Forbes scores stunning victory in Arizona

Meanwhile, the rest of the country continues to watch the race with more than a simple curiosity. Many in the U.S. and abroad worry about the dynamics of a Buchanan presidency with protectionism at the top of his agenda. The leaders of many countries have expressed doubts about the conservative's views and stances.

One foreign official, however, who strongly supports Buchanan's campaign is Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky. "I congratulate you as a comrade and brother-in-arms in the struggle for national liberation," Zhirinovsky, a presidential candidate in his own country, recently stated in Moscow.

Dole is in trouble according to many in political analysists. Without a strong win so far, Dole remains a ship without a port. Upcoming primaries in Georgia and South Carolina could serve to bolster a campaign which now seems to be adrift in a sea of mediocrity and moderate Republicans.

On College Hill the campaign is heating up as well, with numerous bumper stickers, pins, and the like appearing regularly. Today the College Republicans, formerly known as the Conservative Club, ran a primary at Hamilton although the results were not available at press time. The formation of the Radical Democrats as well is giving students the opportunity to express the liberal side of their beliefs.

News

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY SCOTT KOCHER '97

Two Columbia students killed in Israel

Two Columbia University students were killed in a terrorist bombing of a Jerusalem commuter bus Sunday morning. Barnard College graduate student Sara Duker and her boyfriend Mattityahu Eisenfeld, a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, were among the 23 people killed in the bombing that militant Palestinians said was a response to last month's assassination of their primary bombmaker. Duker had moved to Israel in October to be closer to Eisenfeld, who was in the process of writing a Haggadah, a book read at Passover discussing the freedom and liberation of Jews. Both students had been very active in Columbia's performing arts.

Univerisity of Montana student chosen to carry torch in Olympic relay

After receiving a kidney transplant from his identical twin, a University of Montana student and his brother will help relay the summer Olympic torch. Both Matt Jette, a UM junior in political science and administration, and his twin Michael, a University of Oregon student, will take part in the summer Olympic torch relay, after being selected "community heroes" by United Way. Matt was selected to run between one and three kilometers May 9 as part of the relay. He said he will be running in either Wyoming or Idaho, and is one of only six Montanans to run in the relay. Michael will also be running a leg of the Olympic relay in Portland.

Matt was born with only one-fourth of a kidney, and suffered a kidney failure in 1992. Michael then donated one of his kidneys to his brother. After experiencing organ donation, Michael and Matt started an organization to bring recipients, donors and their families together. Last spring the twins kicked-off the non-profit organization, Donors for Life, by biking from Seattle to Washington D.C.

Stanford professors involved in shady business deal with China

The federal government is investigating a technology transfer to China that involves two Stanford professors, including Defense Secretary William Perry. In response to allegations made in the Far Eastern Economic Review in January, Pentagon officials said they are examining the transfer of telecommunications technology to a Chinese company run by a former communications director for the Chinese military.

The 1993 deal involved two American companies, Brooks Telecommunications International Inc. and SCM, which was at the time run by Stanford Political Science Prof. John Lewis. The Review charges that Lewis used changes in the government's approval process for certain technology deals as well as his friendship with Perry to slip the transfer past government regulators.

The Pentagon has now requested an assessment of whether the technology transfer could make a significant difference in the Chinese People's Liberation Army's attempts to modernize, spokesman Brian Whitman said yesterday. SCM and Brooks entered into a joint venture with Galaxy New Technology - run by a member of the People's Liberation Army - in 1993 to form Guangzhou Hua Mei Communications Company, according to the Jan. 11 issue of the Review.

According to the Journal's article, an American-backed joint venture founded by a close friend and official adviser to Defense Secretary William Perry transferred sensitive communications technology to Galaxy. By doing so, the company circumvented roadblocks thrown up by Pentagon and National Security Agency officials. Because of Hua Mei's alleged connections with the Chinese military and the advanced nature of the technology, the article charged, the technology transfer would not normally have been approved by the federal government.

UC Berkely student plagued with bad karma

A University of California Berkely student who was found unconscious at the bottom of an air shaft in his apartment building on Saturday is suspected to have been selling marijuana from his room. The on-site manager for the apartment complex heard a loud noise followed by moaning and saw a young man lying face down and unconscious at the bottom of the shaft. Police found a fire hose leading through the shaft from an opening on the roof to the bottom. The 22-year-old victim apparently was locked out of his apartment and tried to enter it through his bathroom window via the shaft. When police entered the man's apartment, they found several plants, totalling 2.7 pounds, hanging out to dry. Tests later showed that the plants were a hybrid form of marijuana. While the student is currently in the hospital with several fractured ribs, he is charged with possession and possible selling of an illegal substance.

WORLD NEWS

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Princess Diana agrees to a divorce

LONDON - Princess Diana has agreed to a divorce from Prince Charles, her spokeswoman said. "She will retain the title and be known as Diana Princess of Wales," said the spokeswoman. The statement said: "The Princess of Wales has agreed to Prince Charles's request for a divorce. The Princess will continue to be involved in all decisions relating to the children and will remain at Kensington Palace with offices in St. James's Palace." St. James's Palace is Charles's official residence. Buckingham Palace had no comment.

King Hussein says kids slain with Iraqi defectors

LONDON - King Hussein of Jordan says children were among those killed when two of President Saddam Hussein's sons-in-law were slain after returning to Iraq from a six-month defection.

The Jordanian monarch repeated his condemnation of the slayings of Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid and his brother Saddam Kamel al-Majid, who fled to Jordan in August.

The two, who were married to Saddam's daughters, were killed on Friday, three days after they returned to Iraq.

"The horror of it all," King Hussein said in a speech Tuesday night at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, was that the men's father, a brother "and many other members of the family have been murdered brutally."

"And worse still ... reports are that many of the children were murdered as well," King Hussein said.

He did not specify whose children they were or say how many were killed.

In Amman Sunday, the King said he was disgusted by the killings and predicted that Saddam would not remain in power. But he stopped short of directly accusing the Baghdad government of the killings.

The official Iraqi account is that the slayings were carried out by the men's relatives in order to cleanse family honor.

But an Iraqi opposition group, the Tehran-based Supreme Assembly for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, has blamed Saddam and his eldest son, Odai, for the slayings. It said a group of 40 armed men attacked the house of Hussein Kamel's sister in the Sadiya district of Baghdad where he had taken refuge.

BBC World Service Radio, reporting King Hussein's remarks in London, said both accounts of the slayings may contain elements of the truth. It said it was possible the attack was officially instigated but that members of the victims' family were involved.

King Hussein offered no explanation of why the defectors believed the assurances he said they were given that they could return safely to Iraq.

Woman chosen to play God in York

YORK, England - For the first time since they were written more than 600 years ago, the York Mystery Plays will be performed with a woman in the role of God.

Feminists may be thrilled, but traditional clergymen aren't exactly giving their blessings. The Archdeacon of York George Austin condemned the choice, calling it "political correctness gone mad."

Written anonymously, the rough-hewn mystery plays use serious imagery and rollicking buffoonery to tell Biblical stories - from the creation to the Ascension.

Long ago, medieval trade guilds performed the plays in the streets. Today, the plays are staged in this historic northern town once every four years. Over the years, the plays have become a major theatrical event and tourist draw - but not for their radical casting.

That may change, with amateur actress Ruth Ford, 63, in the role of God.

"God is a figure combining compassion, strength and a potential for great wrath," York Theater Royal director John Doyle said of his choice, announced Tuesday. "Ruth has all those qualities, and the fact that she is a woman is quite incidental."

Ms. Ford, a former divinity student who now runs a York antique store, said she believes God is "a presence, not a specific gender."

"It's a great honor and privilege to play the role, but I am somewhat overawed at the prospect," said Ms. Ford, whose previous mystery play roles include Pontius Pilate's wife and Mary Magdalene.

A top church leader objected.

"We are made in God's image, not the other way round," said Austin, a senior member of the Church of England, which has been severely split in recent years over the issue of women priests. "What the theater is doing is paganism, and should not be acceptable to Christians."

Archbishop of York David Hope, Austin's superior and also an opponent of ordaining women, was more tolerant. "I recognize the artistic freedom of the organizers to portray God as they wish."

But he added: "I'm sure a few eyebrows will be raised in some churches across Britain."

NATIONAL NEWS

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6th-grader goes on shooting spree

SAN DIEGO - When the 11-year-old boy told school nurses he didn't feel well, his mother took him home and left him alone. Within an hour, his condition took a turn for the worse. The sixth-grader shaved his head, put on a ski mask and monk's robe, grabbed his father's .22-caliber rifle and went on an hour-long robbery and shooting spree. The armed 4-foot, 50-pound boy first approached a group of cable workers, who thought he was pulling a prank until he fired two shots at them. The boy then approached two joggers, demanded money and fired more shots into the air. Minutes later, he walked into a beauty shop, fired a single shot into the ceiling and again demanded money. Joyce Aleria, said she and other patrons thought the boy was kidding around "until he cocked the gun and said, 'I want your money now.'"

Judge denies lesbian mother custody of child

RICHMOND, Va. - Upholding an earlier ruling, a judge denied a lesbian's request to regain custody of her 4-year-old son and denounced her for plans to make a TV movie about the custody battle against her mother. Sharon Bottoms had argued her son, Tyler Doustou, is developing poorly under her mother's care. Bottoms, who lost custody in 1993 to Kay Bottoms, also said she could give Tyler a more loving home than her mother could provide.

School bans baggy pants due to safety concerns

CHARDON, Ohio - Warning: Wearing baggy, low-slung pants is a safety hazard. At least that's the tack one middle school is using to ban the droopy drawer style that has become so popular that teen-agers are literally tripping over themselves to wear it. "We had incidents where students were 'de-pantsed' in the halls," said Hugh Terrell, Chardon Middle School's assistant principal. The ban on low-riding pants went into effect at the 700-student school Monday.

First defendant sentenced in beating death

PHILADELPHIA - The teen who struck the first blow with a baseball bat in the beating death of a former altar boy was sentenced to five to 20 years. Kevin Convey, who pleaded guilty to third-degree murder in exchange for his testimony against six other defendants in the Nov. 11, 1994, beating, had nothing to say and showed no emotion when sentenced. Teen-agers from a rival high school in suburban Abington jumped Eddie Polec to get even for a rumored assault on an Abington girl. She later acknowledged she was never assaulted.

Business in China discussed

By Aleksandr Voninski '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

This Monday, Richard Graham, Director of the Greater China Fund and Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, gave a lecture on "Business in China: The Cultural and Political Hazards." The lecture was sponsored by the Dean of Faculty Office and by the Government Department.

Before joining the Chamber of Commerce and the business world, Richard Graham worked for the British Foreign Service. Because of his experience in foreign diplomacy, he was able to give much insight into the interrelationship between politics and economics in China. A majority of the students who attended the lecture are part of Professor Cheng Li's International Political Economy course which is currently focusing on China in the world economy.

When asked about the lecture, Government student Vanda Mikova '98 said, "It was funny and interesting. It was nice to get a perspective from someone doing business in China who is not American."

Mr. Graham mixed real life experiences of doing business in China with witty remarks about the cultural differences between the East and West, and how those differences affect the way business is done. According to Graham, cultural differences are important to remember when doing business. In China, he remarked, "To swim with the tide is necessary, to fight the tide is futile. Keep opposing thoughts to yourself."

It is evident, according to Mr. Graham, that educational and ideological differences are a stumbling block to a more fruitful relationship with Chinese partners. He noted that Chinese students are not taught to think objectively and that "objectivity remains a dangerous subject."

One reason for the lack of objectivity is the overwhelming amount of propaganda. With only one political party in control, newspapers and television reports in China are tainted by the ideology of the Chinese Communist Party. Facts are tainted and arbitrary numbers often appear in the newspapers.

Mr. Graham recalled when he and a British trade delegation were visiting a container port in Eastern China, the Party Secretary of the city boasted that the container port was one of the busiest and most active in the region. A member of the delegation quickly questioned the Party Secretary as to the basis of his statement. As there were no cranes at the port facility, how then could even one item of cargo be transported?

The Party Secretary, flustered, told the delegate that "perhaps his numbers were exaggerated a bit." The trade delegate continued to hound the Party Secretary for exact numbers pertaining to this port facility. The Secretary, out of answers by this time, told the interpreter to "tell him any number that he wants."

The moral of the story, asserted Mr. Graham, was that the trade delegate went too far and the Party Secretary said too much. To succeed at business in China, there must be mutual trust and understanding before cooperation can go any further.

According to him, there are three main problems in China: property, labor, and financial markets.

Property is a problem in that with so many people, housing is tight and conditions are terrible. Even those Chinese who work for foreign firms that make decent salaries would be too embarrassed to show their home to their bosses.

Labor is the second concern in that the government has only begun to lay off workers from the debt-ridden, state owned enterprises. The work unit, or *danwei*, is also a matter of concern to foreign firms in that they hold a person's 'work file', and if the work unit is unwilling to give up the file then foreign firm cannot hire that person.

The financial market is the final concern that China must deal with in order to attract more business. Without a stable currency that is freely exchangeable on the world market, China will continue to be plagued with budgetary problems. Banks need to be more willing to lend out RMB capital to foreign investors so that private sector jobs and investment can go forward. China also needs to be less heavy handed when dealing with its new stock markets.

Richard Graham poked fun at himself and his lecture, his first ever at an American institution, by quoting an old sage: "Whenever I want to be misinformed about a country, I ask someone who has been there for 30 years." He wrapped up the evening by asserting that there are good and bad points to doing business in every country, but that how you go about doing business is the fundamental key to success.

Black history month celebrated with play

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procrastination and their calls for inclusiveness. Stone states that it is Winny's attempt and intent on making the Black Panthers more like the Rainbow Panthers.

A power struggle soon ensues over who is truly in charge and in favor with the upper commander. Accusations fly as to who is truly fighting for the black cause and for the greater good. Stone pulls a gun on Winny in an effort to silence him and Winny manages to pull his own gun on Stone. The balance of power continues to flip flop and in the end, no one is the winner.

The Panthers were originally founded in October of 1966, by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale, shortly after the assassination of Malcolm X. The organization lasted a little over a decade, and saw its height at the end of the 1960's. The Black Panther Party was formed in order to defend the black people of America from the unfair brutality of the police and society at that time and to cause a revolution in terms of social, political and economic change for the black community.

The Panther Party was also instrumental in addressing the social issues facing black people at that time. Many key urban programs such as food distribution centers, sickle-cell health clinics and educational workshops were set up by Panther members. The Panthers based their movement on ten points:

1) The power to determine the destiny of black people.
2) Full employment and job opportunities at all levels.
3) An end to the robbing of the black community by whites.
4) Safe and affordable housing.
5) Education that teaches the true history of the black people.
6) Exemption from military service.
7) An end to police brutality.
8) Freedom for all black prisoners.
9) An equal and fair justice system
10) Land, Justice, Dignity, Housing and Peace.

FBI Chief, J. Edgar Hoover, who was afraid of the political change and the power that the Panther's activism could bring called the Black Panther Party, "the greatest single threat to security in America." With outrage by the black community over the government's public condemnation of the Panther's nonviolent actions, support for the Panthers soon grew to over 7,000 members, and 45 nationwide chapters.

The Panther legacy and its impact on black history still continues, asserted the two actors. Black activism, however, must continue in order for real change to occur. The continuing unfairness of the justice system, rampant drugs and violence in the inner-cities and basic ignorance are still major stumbling blocks for the black communities of America. Both actors of "Panthers," agree that this type of production is important in educating students at an influential age. They strongly encourage anyone interested in the Black Panther movement to read "Seize the Time," by Bobby Seale.

Students satisfaction polled by ISC

after 1-year anniversary of res-life decision many students find something left to be desired

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to their guest lists. The only thing left is the bottle in your room."

Almost without exception, students who utilized the poll to comment criticized Hamilton's social policies. Wrote one student, "Gene Tobin and the Hamilton Board of Trustees have destroyed a school I once loved. I can not emphasize this enough—this school is not tolerable."

Another student threatened to transfer: "This was one of the most asinine things the college has ever done. I am seriously reconsidering my continued relationship with this institution."

By far, the most popular knocks were ones that reported discord on campus. "The goal of unifying the campus backfired," said one polled.

Matt Brand '98, disagreed with the above sentiments. "What would ordinarily be taboo—such as rooming with someone from another fraternity is suddenly not a factor anymore," he said. "The decision has broken down certain walls."

One of the few positive returns to the poll matched Brand's statement. "I feel the Residential Life decision makes Hamilton more of a community," wrote one anonymous first-year student.

To inform the Board how students feel about their decision, the ISC has organized a protest to be staged outside Buttrick Hall prior to the Trustees' general meeting which convenes tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM. At press time exact plans for the rally were still being formulated, but the plan calls for all society members to participate.

Said Gammill of Saturday's demonstration: "We're not looking for the Board to give us all the answers. The most important part is that they listen to our needs and desires and do something about it."

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SPECTATOR NEWS

Parking policy reinforcement elicits negative response

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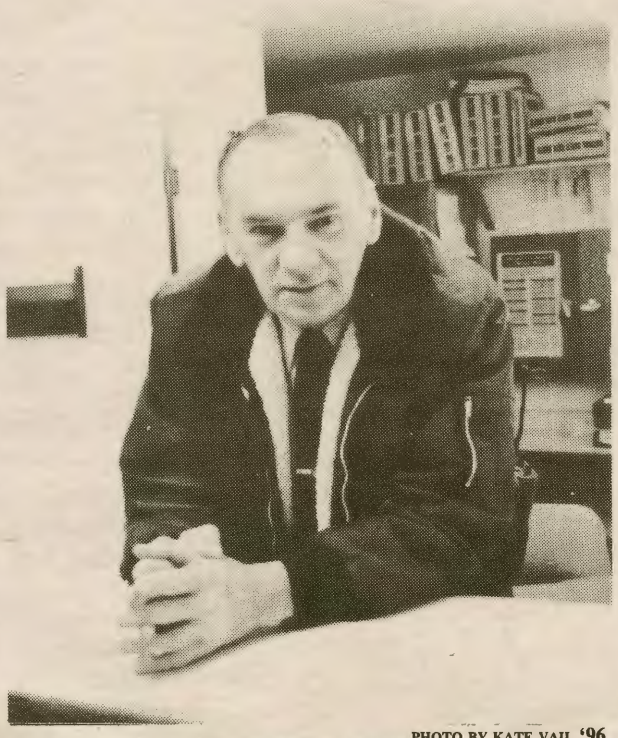
places where cars were parked illegally on the left side. "If cars can't through there, how are larger emergency vehicles such as ambulances or fire trucks supposed to get through?" Ms. Ingals asked.

The other safety issue she stated as a reason for the re-enforcement was the danger—especially in the Kirkland side—that drivers pose to pedestrians. Lawn damage near South Residence Hall, Bristol, West Quad, and Main Quad also factored into the decision. "The physical plant works hard to maintain and repair the grounds, and student off-roading increases operating costs and tuition," said Ms. Ingals.

Community reaction to the crackdown has been for the most part negative, with students as well as faculty expressing displeasure not only with the policy, but with those that enforce it. In one instance, an unknown person erected a special trash receptacle in the Mail Center for the flyers.

"The 'warning' that Security was going to start enforcing parking regulations that they had consistently ignored came after many of us were ticketed," said Associate Professor of Philosophy Katheryn Doran.

"I do not find the parking system accommodating at all," said Catherine Sitrick, a senior who lives off campus. "A small college such as ours should find ways to eliminate these inconveniences, especially for those that live downtown and need to drive."



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A not-so-friendly face for some.

Lots near the Sigma Phi house, the Library, the Fieldhouse, and Dunham are all designated as student parking areas, but tend to be filled up during the day by faculty, staff, administrators as well as visitors, leaving off-campus students to find other places, which are most often illegal. "There are simply not enough spaces for the eighty or so people who live off campus to park," added Ms. Sitrick, "which means you're faced with the choice of either parking illegally or in some large, far-off, snow-filled lot."

Professor Doran pointed out what she considers ambiguities and inflexibility in the current policy. "Some of the areas in which people were ticketed, such as right outside North Court are not clearly designated as 'no-parking' areas," she said. "On the Kirkland side there are often no legal spaces available in the lot by KJ/McEwen. Where is someone traveling with a baby or other heavy load supposed to park?"

One bone of contention surrounding the policy is parking at the Mail Center, which is forbidden under any circumstances. In the past, students have usually left their hazard lights on to avoid ticketing, but security officers have gone after violators this week with unprecedented vigor. "Cars parked at Beinecke impede food and mail deliveries," said Ms. Ingals. "US postal drivers don't have time to wait, so they just leave and no one gets their mail for that day."

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Tire tracks mark up campus.

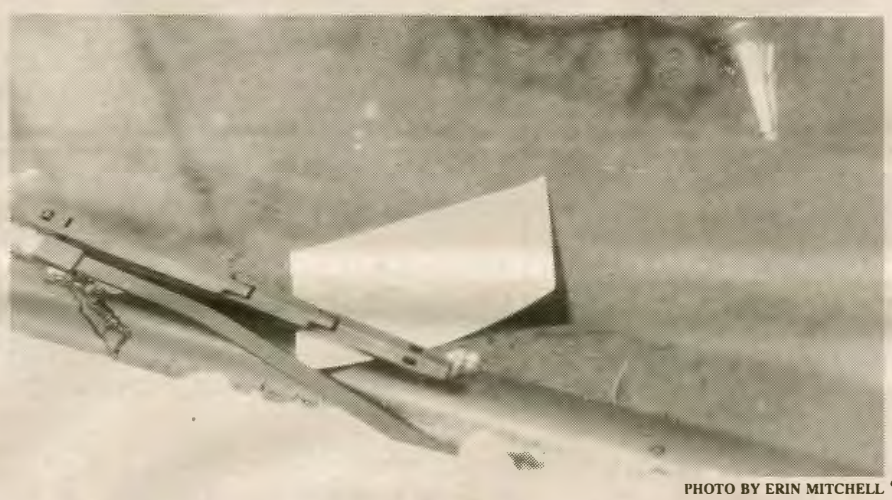
In response to serious objections to current Mail Center parking policy, the Safety Committee is submitting a proposal to the Officers of the College to change the rule and permit five minute parking.

As of February 23, over 2,000 tickets have been issued and billed to violators, and approximately 50 vehicles—some more than once—have been towed. The parking handbook states that after the second infraction, the vehicle may be towed and students with three or more parking citations may have their campus permits revoked.

"We realize that some of our procedures are inconsistent and not well-liked" said Ms. Ingals, "but our first priority is to insure safety. We do many other things besides write tickets. Perhaps once people stop parking illegally and start thinking in terms of what's best for the school, then we won't have to focus primarily on parking violations anymore."

The Security Office is presently compiling a list of flagrant offenders (those with five or more non-paid tickets) and sending it to the office of the Dean of Students. The students will be contacted by the Dean, but no decision has been made whether disciplinary action will be taken.

Faculty members, staff, and administrators, on the other hand, cannot choose to withhold payment of a fine in protest because their paycheck is docked the amount of the ticket.



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A familiar sight for many wrongfully parked car owners.

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Rainbow Alliance shocks diners with flyers

some offended by content, others find humor

By Jacob M. Stetser
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Three members of the organization formerly known as GLBSA recently placed their photos alongside patently homophobic slurs against themselves on flyers issued to campus this week.

The stated intention of the flyer, as related by Ashley Merriman '98, a coordinator of the Rainbow Alliance, "was to create some kind of discussion about stereotype on campus," as well as to protest the theft of the Alliance's flag from the Little Pub. Merriman noted that the group wanted to address the issues of the controversial fraternity-stereotype and CAB flyers.

The idea for the flyer originated two weeks ago by Aeran Doron '98, Simi Ravven '98 and Merriman, shortly after the first flyer was disseminated anonymously around campus. According to one source, it met some resistance from the group.

This past Monday, however, Rainbow Alliance members discussed the flyer and added several probing questions to the reverse side. Questions included, "Do you see anything wrong with the content of this flyer?" and "Despite the fact that this flyer was created in mockery of the anti-fraternity flyer . . . are there really any differences in the prejudices they evoke?" According to Doron, the decision to print the flyer was made unanimously by attending members.

Feedback from Alliance members and nonmembers alike has been mixed. Merriman said, "I've heard a lot of positive stuff from group members." She explained that even people she didn't know were complimenting the flyer.

"It's always good to have a little satire to spice things up," said Simi Ravven, one of the Rainbow Alliance members featured on the flyer.

> **"It's always good to have a little satire to spice things up"**
>
> *Simi Ravven '98*

The management at Commons, however, promptly removed the flyers when they appeared in the Dining Hall. Apparently, some believed the flyers were a repeat performance of the earlier attacks; after Rainbow Alliance members spoke with the Manager of Commons, the flyers were reposted. They were removed and replaced several more times.

One member of the Rainbow Alliance condemned the militant stance the flyer threatened. "I think it was done in bad taste. GLBSA changed its name to the Rainbow Alliance in part to get away from militantism." said the junior. "It's sending the wrong message to people."

Karen Johnson '96, a resident advisor in Bundy West, defended the group's right to express itself in the manner it felt best, even if it meant extremism. No matter what she says, sometimes "some people are going to focus on how I'm saying something rather than what I'm saying," said Johnson.

"The intent was to play upon the stereotypes- since we haven't done anything militant or radical all entire semester, the whole point was to mock," and inveigh against stereotypes, Merriman added.

The militant tactics, said Johnson, partially stem from being tired of abuse and insults, and fighting back with everything they can use. "It's like knocking on the door- if you keep knocking, someone's bound to open the door."

This semester, the Rainbow Alliance changed its name from the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Student Alliance in order to more fully welcome its heterosexual allies, as well as "to reduce the militaristic image of the GLBSA," as Merriman explained.

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After uncovering a 130 year old bronze statue of Napoleon in the corner of a library classroom, Erin Ersenkal '98, Dan McAllister '99, Constantin Laan '97, and Peter Gaston '99 freed Napoleon from exile and placed him in a prominent place in the library second floor lounge.

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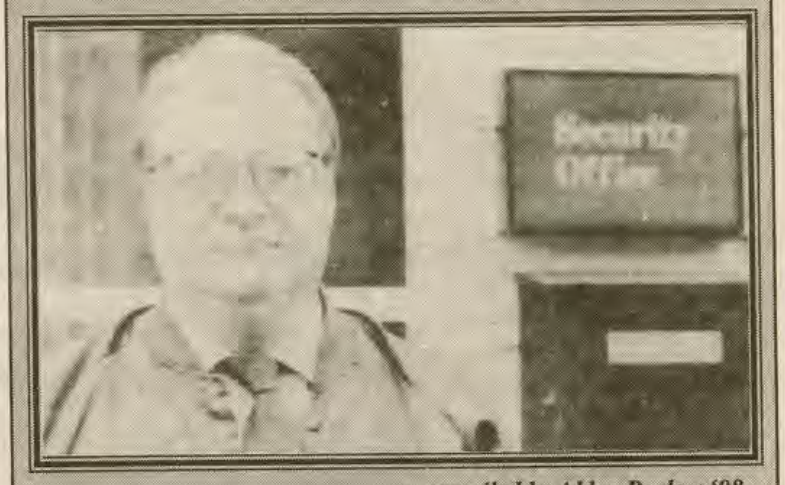


- compiled by Alden Barlow '98

Tuesday February 20

10:51 a.m. : A fire alarm in the Burke Library basement notified Hamilton Security to respond to the scene.

Wednesday February 21

3:45 a.m. : Security received a call concerning vandalism. A light pole in the West Quad had been ripped down completely.

5:10 p.m. : A call about lawn damage near Dunham was called in to security. The reported damage was done by a vehicle.

5:57 p.m. : Another incident of lawn damage was reported, but this time it occurred by the chemistry building in the West Quad.

Thursday February 22

1:45 a.m. : Hamilton was notified that the post and chain by C.J. was vandalized.

7:00 a.m. : Security discovered extensive lawn damage (vandalism) in front of Bristol.

12:40 p.m. : A motor vehicle accident notified security,who then respond to the scene.

4:30 p.m. : Hamilton Security checked out another call about lawn damage.

10:15 p.m. : A fire alarm in Babbitt called security to the scene.

10:30 p.m. : Security received a call about a fire alarm in Milbank.

Friday February 23

6:16 p.m. : A fire alarm in South residence hall was called in to security.

9:09 p.m. : An act of vandalism was reported to Hamilton Security.

10:30 p.m. : Security answered a call of a fire alarm in South.

11:30 p.m. : A medical emergency call was received.

Saturday February 24

12:37 a.m. : Hamilton Security answered a call about another fire alarm in South.

3:00 a.m. : An incident of harrassment was reported.

3:01 a.m. : Vandalism in Bundy dining hall was called in to security officers.

2:50 p.m. : A boiler in Roger's Estate malfunctioned and security was notified.

10:50 p.m. : Security received a call about an incident of lawn damage by Bundy Dining Hall.

Sunday February 25

1:23 a.m. : Security received a medical emergency call.

8:25 a.m. : A report of vandalism in Bundy Dining Hall was reported.

2:05 p.m. : Security answered a call of an incident of failure to comply with Hamilton College regulations.

3:10 p.m. : A fire alarm in Bundy East notified security to check out the problem.

8:00 p.m. : A report of vandalism was called in to Hamilton Security. A student's care had been vandalized.

11:50 p.m. : A medical emergency call was received by security.

Monday February 26

12:55 a.m. : A fire alarm was set off. Security checked out the problem.

8:53 a.m. : An report of failure to comply with school policy was reported to security.

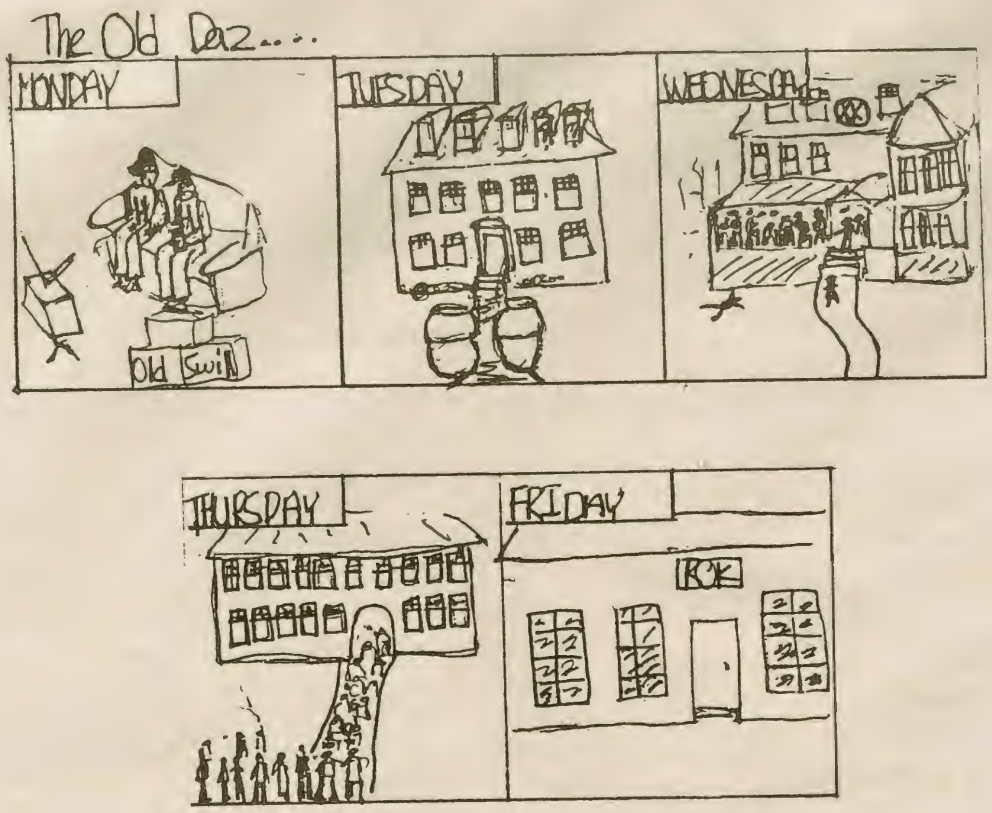
1:00 p.m. : Hamilton Security answered a call about a medical emergency.

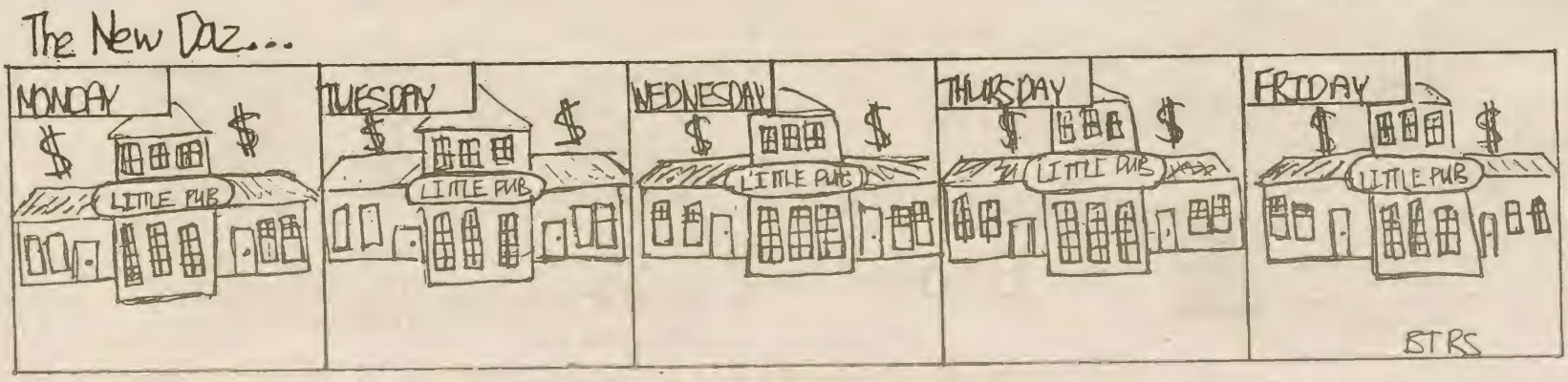
Tuesday February 27

1:55 a.m. : Security responded to a fire alarm in South.

1:10 p.m. : Hamilton Safety received a call about a burglary. A fraternity house had been vandalized.

8:10 p.m. : A student reported a case of vandalism to a motor vehicle.





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

MARTINE GUYOT-BENDER,

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FRENCH

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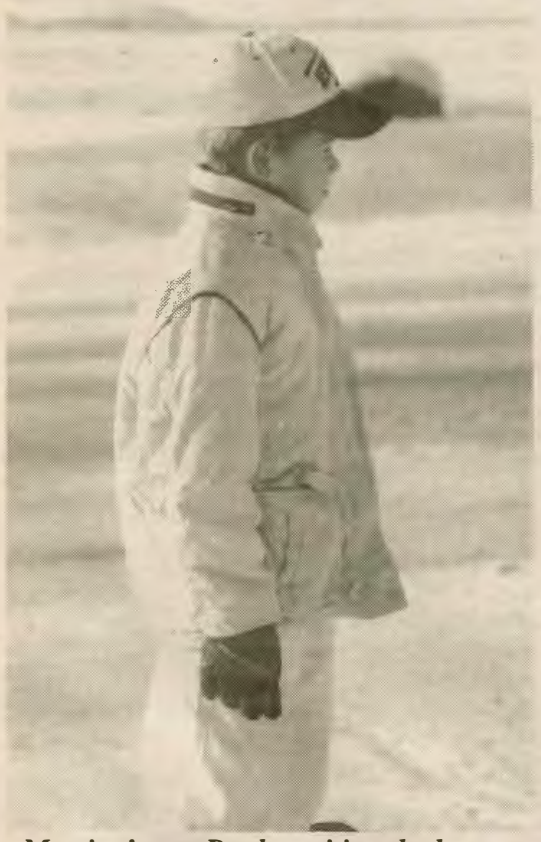
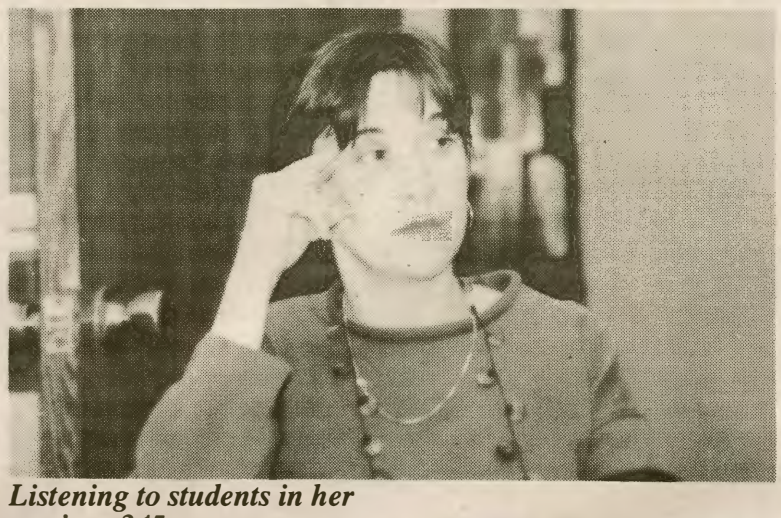


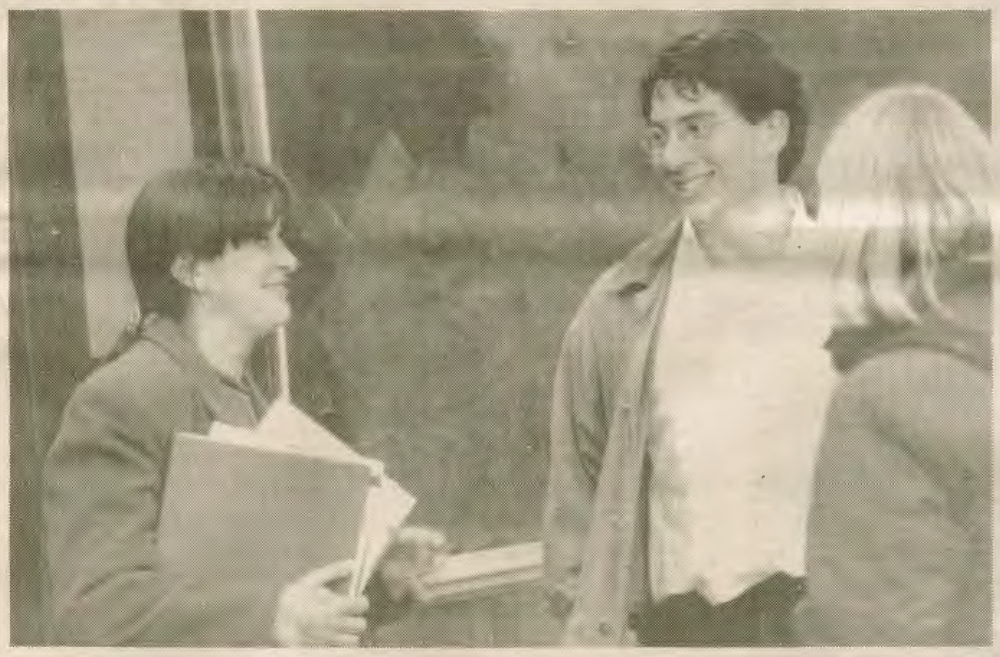
Martine's son Paul awaiting the bus in the early morning.

Martine in her office.

Martine at the French table with friends.



Listening to students in her seminar 345.



Martine Guyot-Bender with students Marc Wirstrom '96 and Beth Afleck '96.

Martine Guyot-Bender working in her office.

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The unavoidable pizza trauma and how to solve it

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FEATURES STAFF WRITER

PIZZA

Okay, it's about 12:30 on a Tuesday night, you're cramming for your economics midterm when all of a sudden you get this aching feeling in your stomach. You're hungry, but not just for the rice cakes or the apple you have lying around the room, you want pizza. Forget the midterm, this is where the real problem begins, which delivery place will you call? Hopefully this article will helpaid you in future decisions of this sort. I will evaluate the three primary pizza delivery restaurants in Clinton, pointing out their individual strengths and weaknesses.

First we have **Pepper's Pub at the Alexander Hamilton Inn, 853-5555**. Pepper's pizza is the best deal, you get the most for your money. Only a buck and a half for the biggest slices in Clin Their pizza however is heavily spiced yet unbelievably bland and doesn't leave a big impression on this reviewer. This pizza however is perfect for those weekend nights when you are returning from a party, starving, really can't taste much and if you can taste you really don't care what you put in your mouth. The large quantity of food and the fact that Pepper's delivers until 3:00 am on Friday and Saturday are the qualifications that lend Pepper's to this distinction.

The second pizza joint to be considered is **Roma's Pizzeria, 853-7662**. Roma's has been around for a long time, and for a while there was never a decision of where to order, you just called Roma's. Now, since there are other delivery places, Roma's is being forced to compete, and frankly they are not standing up to the challenge. Their pizza slices are enjoyable and inexpensive, only a dollar and twenty five cents, the problem however occurs with delivery. I guess there really is no problem if you enjoy cold pizza, but personally I like my pizza warm, and I don't enjoy waiting for over an hour for a measly slice, but hey, whatever floats your boat. The quality, however, is better than Pepper's so if you own a microwave, Roma's pizza is the best thin crusted pizza in town.

Last but definitely not least is Tony's **Pizzeria, 853-4310**. With Tony's pizza we run into only one hindrance, they do not deliver orders under five dollars. This may seem quite a hassle, but I assure you that the quality of their pizza is worth gathering up a couple of friends to order a pie. If you don't have any friends but really want to order Tony's pizza, its a good way to get some, because hey who can resist free food? Tony's brings to the Clinton delivery scene a delectable thick crusted pizza. With Tony's pizza it is highly recommended that one purchases (or steals from the dining hall) a plethora of napkins since this pizza tends to be on the greasy side. There you have it, I hope I've made your pizza ordering decision a little bit easier. If none of these options appeal, you can always get up off of your butt, hop the jitney to the mall and get Pizza Hut!

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Dear M&M,

I am very puzzled by the women on this campus. They always say they want guys who treat them nicely but when it comes down to it, they end up with apathetic jerks. What am I doing wrong? Should I start being a jerk to get women?

-Confused and Lonely

Dear Confused and Lonely-

You are obviously falling prey to the stereotype that women like men who treat them badly and unfortunately this stereotype often proves itself true, especially on this campus. My advice to you, however, is to treat each women as an individual. There are many women on this campus who like to be treated with dignity and genuinely like interesting guys, don't get discouraged by the ones who are really into their loser boyfriends. I'll also bet you find that most women would prefer their men to take them out, promote stimulating conversation and pay them more attention than their glass bong, however, in most women's minds the aforementioned male is an endangered species on this campus, so they settle. Most importantly be yourself, don't be afraid to let women know that you are a nice guy, don't pretend to be a jerk, you won't find many women anywhere that like posers. Sooner or later you will find the right girl for you, don't worry.

Dear M&M,

Recently one of my best friends has started acting very strangely towards me. She has started pledging a sorority and I have remained independent. I understand that she has to be secretive but I feel that she treats me differently because I am not pledging with her, what should I do?

-Left in the cold

Dear Left in the cold,

I can understand where you are coming from with this issue, it is hard to lose a friend to anything especially a sorority. My main advice to you is to confront your friend with your feelings. Hopefully she is unaware of the way she is treating you. Most problems with friendship occur because of miscommunication, so you will probably be able to work things out. I know you already understand that pledging is a big time commitment and in most societies absolutely secretive. The best thing you can do is to support her decision to pledge and make sure she knows that you are there for her if she ever needs you.

WRITE FOR FEATURES

Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE CYBERCITIZENS-FOR-STEVE-FORBES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING!
AS YOU KNOW, AT THE CORE OF EVERY GREAT CAMPAIGN ARE THE VOLUNTEERS WHO BELIEVE, WHO SHARE THE DREAM!
I SHARE THE FORBES DREAM OF A FLAT TAX! I BELIEVE! WHO ELSE HERE SHARES THE DREAM? WHO BELIEVES?
YEAH... OVER HERE.
I MIGHT BE GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS...
2-5
CYBERCITIZENS-FOR-STEVE-FORBES HAVE GATHERED AT BERNIE'S BYTE SHACK.
LET'S BE CLEAR WHAT'S AT STAKE, MY FRIENDS...
MOST OF US HERE ARE LOADED UP WITH STOCK OPTIONS! AND WE DESERVE 'EM—WE BUILT THIS INDUSTRY, BUT WHAT'S THE POINT IF WE LOSE IT ALL IN TAXES?
THAT'S WHY THE FORBES CAMPAIGN IS A HOLY CRUSADE! THAT'S WHY WE MUST FIGHT WITH EVERY FIBER IN OUR...
BOB?
WHAT?
COULD WE TAKE A BREAK? I WANT TO CHECK MY E-MAIL.
STEVE FORBES
IDENT IN '96
2-6
HEY... WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?
UM... IT'S A MEETING FOR STEVE FORBES VOLUNTEERS.
OH, YEAH? NOT MUCH OF A TURNOUT.
I KNOW. I ALWAYS SEEM TO BE ATTRACTED TO LOST CAUSES.
WELL, WHAT'S THE POINT OF GETTING INVOLVED IN A CAMPAIGN ANYWAY, YOU KNOW?
TO MEET GIRLS.
TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK.
AS IF! I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYTHING YET!
2-7
I'M KIM ROSENTHAL, BY THE WAY. I'M IN CODING.
MIKE DOONESBURY. MARKETING.
OH, RIGHT. I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED YOU FROM ONE OF THE LAUNCH MEETINGS. YOU BEEN ON TEAM BERNIE LONG?
LESS THAN A YEAR. HOW ABOUT YOU?
TWO YEARS... EVER SINCE I BLEW OFF MY COMP SCI PH.D. AT M.I.T....
M.I.T. WAS TOO MUCH?
AS IF. TOTALLY TOO EASY.
OH... SURE. I'VE HEARD THAT.
2-8
SO YOU LIKE THIS FORBES PERSON, HUH?
YEAH, ESPECIALLY ON CAPITAL GAINS. IT HELPS THAT I'M AN EQUITY PLAYER HERE.
ME TOO. LET ME SEE HIS PROGRAM...
SHE'S HUMORING ME...
SURE!
HMM... NO TAX WHEN WE CASH OUT—I LIKE IT!
GOD... I WONDER IF SHE'D EVER GO OUT WITH ME...
BOOT ME UP, YOU JERK!
IN YOUR DREAMS, MIKE...
2-9
BERNIE, I MET A VERY COOL LADY AT THE FORBES MEETING LAST NIGHT. SHE'S ONE OF YOUR CODERS.
MIKE, IF SHE WORKS FOR ME, SHE'S TOO YOUNG FOR YOU. TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT FORBES.
UM... WELL, YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FLAT TAX. ASIDE FROM THAT, I GUESS I LIKE HIS OVERALL APPROACH TO DOWNSIZING THE GOVERNMENT.
ALSO, HE'S A RICH GEEK WITH GLASSES AND BAD HAIR.
ONE OF US? SIGN ME UP.
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"He really is the Prince of some other country, isn't he?"
-Anonymous student in response to the question 'What's with Prince?'

"Thanks for the quickie, I was feeling a little tight."
-Alyssa Maxwell '99 referring to a shoulder massage she had just recieved.

"I rub a lot of head down stairs."
-Audrey Miller '99 in reference to the coincidentally all male third floor of North.

"Just because a guy can eat a glass sandwich doesn't mean I want to worship his penis."
-Jon Tucker '99 In reference to the cult in Paris which alledgedly worships the severed and preserved penis of Rasputen.

"You know, you have your sheets on for like a week and you have your boxers on for three days, so you have to understand which takes priority."
-Chris Holt '97 on the choice of whether to sleep naked or with boxers. I had no idea it was such a complicated decision.

"Who's Ken Griffey, Jr.?"
-Melissa Hart, Women's varsity softball coach.

"Has anyone ever met that Bobby Peru guy? I swear he's here almost every weekend."
-Ed McDevitt '97, are you kidding me?

PERSONALS

O Foul Gingersnap-
How can you still go all the way to Colby to see her when I'm one floor down ?!? I'll be up all night thinking of you so don't worry . . . I won't be sleepy. Has she seen your movies?
-Cherry Pie

LaToya-
Congrats!! You'll be a great class rep. See you mon.
-Josie

Neighbor-
I have your knife please come get it out of my back.
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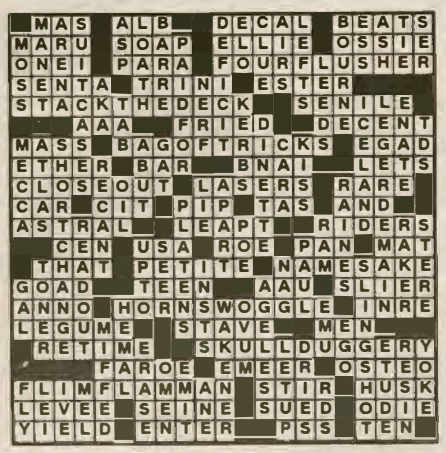

EDITORIAL

In fairness to both sides.

One year after the earth-shaking presentation of the Residential Life Decision, a visitor might find it difficult to discern that any time has passed- the vacuous rhetoric of students who temporarily distort all historical significance in order to fulfill their own causes, the stony wall of silence between the administration and the students, and the continued struggle of the societies for "the old days" all recall the weeks and months of the first post-decision spring.

After a fall semester plagued by a horrendous show of intolerance and vandalism, the winter seemed a quiet respite from the slow and seething anger of the disenfranchised and disillusioned. Ben Mintz continued, in his own unique style, to peck at weak spots in the College's armor (though he seems to have hit solid metal regarding the sculpture). The decision of the judge in the fraternity lawsuit continually delayed, everyone knew in the back of their minds that the war still raged behind the scenes— but it was time to get back to work at Hamilton. Anger only occupies the mind so long, and people needed to return to the daily tedium of College life.

But the Trustees are back. We have a new opportunity to lift the noble quotations from the book of responses to the Alternate Residential Life Proposal offered by the private societies. Of course eighty-four percent of students support fraternities, in some form. Support for an institution does not always mean maintaining the rule.

The ISC did not include any of the plethora of quotes from former fraternity brothers that said, in effect, "Admitting women to Hamilton was the worst thing the school ever did." Nor did it include any of the various comparisons of Hamilton to a totalitarian regime.

That the ISC admitted the short-sighted statements of many former alumni is to be commended; and the statements themselves indicate an alarming trend in those alumni who did not support the Decision. They yearn for the Hamilton of yore. At Hamilton, we have intelligent and opinionated students of both genders, and most want a chance to affect the future of Hamilton College.

The administration, however, has to date remained disconcertingly silent regarding student issues and concerns. Increasingly, it seems the College operates on an interactive level with faculty and staff- and just lays down the law for students.

For the past year the College has neglected to effectively prove its genuine concern for the students. Where are the substantive statements by President Tobin? When was the last time a significant member of faculty or administration attended a student protest or function.

We all have visions of Hamilton 2000. Now let us honestly express them. And let us accept them all as suggestions. The foundation of a liberal arts education is a broad experience is many disciplines. We could all use a little old-fashioned liberal arts, that much even disgruntled alumni might even accept

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More criticism for Grey Matters

To The Editor:

Very recently, I was engaged in one of the countless, subject-less conversations that surround us every-day, when someone made the comment, "...but I'm just a cookie cut," in an obviously sarcastic tone. Not being an avid reader of *The Spectator*, I sensed that a private joke had flown over my head. Eventually, I gathered that Ben Mintz, a writer for *The Spec*, made the bold statement that our campus population was made up of 20% "real" people (with the endowed privilege of being accepted by Mintz) and 80% from the cookie cutter (who do not live up to his standards). After searching through recent back issues, I apprehended the article from a friend and read in disbelief; arriving at a single conclusion. Ben Mintz: you are an ignorant hypocrite. Allow me to explain.

Towards the end of this article he stated, "At the time when our campus's morale is so low, there is no need to distribute slanderous publications." Unfortunately for this student's credibility as a journalist, he had just previously slandered 80% of the entire Hamilton student population. Now, since there is no possible way that Mintz has intimately explored the personality of every student on the hill, this argument would probably not hold up in court. Mr. Mintz, have you ever noticed that the longer you are acquainted with someone, you learn of their anecdotes, accomplishments, talents, and dreams? Or have you not paid enough attention to the voice of others to notice? Within one hour today I discussed poetry with a biology major, leadership with an art major, and addictions with an undeclared student...and I never left my own hall. Mr. Mintz, I strongly encourage you to listen to others and their opinions, for I assure you that everyone has one or two. The extent of conversation will extend beyond the financial problems, res-life decision, or whatever ails you in regards to Hamilton. In fact, if you were able to listen to the entire Hamilton community, the response might sound similar to the following.

I am a college student. I study hard. I study when I can. I don't study at all. I call home everyday. I am tired of talking to people from home. I can never go home again. This is my home. I listen to music. I play the guitar, piano, saxophone, harmonica, violin. I compose music. I am an athlete. I have been to a championship game and left the court, track, rink, diamond with my head hanging...and I have been carried off on the shoulders of my teammates. I have thoughts and ideas that no one has ever had. I can tell what one is thinking by looking at them. I have spent time on a snow-covered mountain in July, in the Amazon rainforest watching entire species of animals die, in a village soiled with volcanic ash. I have contemplated life and death, I have wondered what my purpose is. I have come to the conclusion that I am not important, I am a brick in the wall, I will go down in history. I am still depressed that John Lennon was shot. I cry every time a bomb goes off on the British Isles. I wonder how the pyramids were built. I understand the meaning of life. I will write a book about it someday. I will be a struggling poet. I have had art displayed. I have written and performed in my own play. I come from all over the world. I have seen all kinds of things. I have spent my life fighting for my rights and my issues. I have nothing to fight for, no goal to acheive. I prefer to stay quiet on issues. I speak up when prompted. I voice my opinion if the bagels aren't fresh. I work to survive. I work to pay for college. I have never had a job. I have been told that I will never succeed. People have been on my side all my life. I have been ignored since day one. I am labeled as unintelligent, non-athletic, clueless, a tool, a dork, a steak, lost. I am celebrated as a genius, a hero, a companion, talented, gifted, lucky. But to those people, that is all I am. I give to the needy, I take for myself, I have all I need, I am unfulfilled. I don't need much at all, I have what I want, I want the world. I have laughed and I have cried. I have made people laugh...and I have made people cry. I dwell on the past. I live for the moment. I will go far in life. I will be successful. I am an individual. You don't know me, and you will never fully understand me.

You see, Mr. Mintz, people are like snowflakes; there are no two alike. And whether you assume that the five minute conversation in Bundy about a spilled beer gives you insight to what someone is like, you are wrong. If you think that observing the clothes one wears and the music they listen to define them, you are wrong. And if you think that 80% of the students you see are unfit to bear the title "real person," you are dead wrong. Since I am unaware where your delusion first appeared from, I can not appropriately judge you. But let the record show that your statement that sparked this letter is, in my mind, the most ignorant statement I have ever encountered. If you should continue to critique the campus, please stay with the issues that you are familiar with. For you can not create stereotypes of human kind, simply because you are no better than the rest of us.

Brian Giacometti '99

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student praises Mintz's articles as being beneficial

To The Editor:

Last weeks *Spectator* contained a letter written by Mr. Thomas Kellogg that pleaded for one of your writers, Mr. Ben Mintz to leave Hamilton. Mr. Kellogg believes that Ben's writings denote that Ben is truly unhappy here at Hamilton. I urge that Mr. Kellogg has not grasped the cause that Ben has undertaken.

I will make this clear from the onset, I do consider Ben to be a close friend. In all honesty, if I did not, I probably would not have motivated to come to his defense. Although upon further reflection I feel it less of coming to Ben's defense (I do not believe he needs anyone to) then the fact that I see Ben's writings as a great contribution to the Hamilton community.

I interpret Ben's writings to be more beneficial than burdensome to the Hamilton community. He has taken the courage to look critically at the institution that we have decided to dedicate four years of our lives to. I will grant that to some it may appear as though Ben is looking for things to "bitch" about, however I would argue that he is doing our community a service. Further, I feel he is an extremely valuable member of the community so many of us call home.

One of the goals of this institution, or so it has been said by the administration, is to create a group of people who are able to think critically and more importantly think for themselves. I see Ben's writings as embracing this concept. He has taken the initiative to criticize Hamilton, and in many cases suggested ways of improving what he sees as deficient. If one is not critical of their surroundings than he or she is in effect submitting to whatever decisions the administration and college officials make for us. I think its important to remember that even though one only spends four years here, (in most cases) it is our community. By not at least thinking critically about what is occurring here then we are all acting as robots without a brain of our own. Mr. Mintz has taken this idea to another level and taken the courage to share his ideas with everyone else. I believe that the recent controversy surrounding Ben is actually a good thing. I would hate to see his columns unanswered. By writing about his articles at least people are reading them and more importantly thinking about the issues at hand.

I would also suggest that the people who are complacent and happy living in their 9 x 11 cell, isolated from the rest of the world, are not performing their duty as a member of this community. They are merely cruising through this experience with their eyes closed unaware of what is occurring around them. This seems a much more dangerous reality than a community of people like Ben who are not afraid to voice their opinions.

As far as I can tell Ben is one of the few who actually embrace the idea of a liberal arts college; to think for oneself. By his questioning of what is happening Ben has encouraged many of us to think, and to do so much more critically than much of this community is used to. Ben has performed a service to the community, and I would congratulate him for making the college experience a less mind numbing one than it often times is. If someone who encourages others to think should leave an institution of learning than I would suggest that all of us who enjoy free exchange of ideas, controversy and consequently learning should leave...and then burn all the colleges to the ground.

Joshua Ribner '97

Res-Life consists of Maoist radicals

To The Editor:

How is that a school that bears the name of one of America's Founding Fathers can get away with blatantly infringing of the God-given constitutional rights of its students? Answer: The Mao-worshipping, self-righteous sixties radicals have seized control of the power structure. These closet-cases couldn't handle the real world so they have spent their entire adult lives hiding in the sheltered halls of colleges and universities.

Now they have acquired power and are using it to indoctrinate students. Nowhere has the situation become more out of hand than here at Hamilton College. Realizing that they cannot fully re-educate students in the classroom alone, they have decided to take control over every aspect of our lives.

Last year, the faculty and administration decided to seize control over where we eat, sleep, socialize and associate with others. We are currently banned from even entering private property we own—let alone eating, living or associating init. This is a clear violation of our rights as Americans. It is sad that freedom has been nonchalantly diregarded as a tired old idea in the one place where it should be most vigilantly protected: Academia. Rest assured though—we should not bend over to please the administration. We should not fall prey to their twisted personal ideologies. Hopefully, these people who spit on the flag instead of saluting it will be contained to academia, and eventually replaced by people who believe in freedom, justice, and the pursuit of personal growth.

Join me in this fight to preserve our rights. Attend the rally Saturday morning and show our wonderful caring trustees and administrators how happy we are now that they've shown us poor, misguided souls the light. The last thing they want is the first thing we should give them—OUR IDEAS and OPINIONS. We will outlive the political correctness stormtroopers who wish to destroy us. The fraternity/sorority system will live on at Hamiton.

Brian Berger '98

Student abroad condems anonymous flyers

To The Editor:

As I sit in the Hamilton office in Madrid, Spain, I am deeply disturbed by what I have just read in *The Spectator*.

I understand that Hamilton is presently undergoing many changes socially and politically, but that does not warrant personal attacks on any Hamilton student by their fellow students. The audacity of any Hamilton student to anonymously publish a flyer defaming three students and the societies to which they belong is simply disgusting and infantile.

The concept of the baseless defamation of any Hamilton students shows a lack of both integrity and maturity on the part of the author. The author's anonymity proves that they do not know anything about the individuals or the societies to which they belong. The author's anonymity also illustrates the individual's embarrassment and cowardice, due to lack of factual information.

I hope that any other student who feels animosity for any person or group in the Hamilton community will stand up for themselves and make a sound researched statement. This incident is not an example of that, but rather a disgrace to not only the author, but to the entire Hamilton community.

We are all Hamilton students and should address each other with respect, even if we disagree. I hope that maturity will prevail in the future.

Alicia White Davis '97

Hamilton's inconsistencies

To The Editor:

Why are we required, even if we are not living on campus, to be on the five meal plan? Why can we only use the four dollars we are allocated each day for lunch? Breakfast is valued at less than that, yet it is not accepted as a substitute for lunch.

Also, why can you not get credit, if on the required five meal plan, for a lunch missed? We have already paid for it, and we do not deserve to be "punished" for missing a meal. It's as ridiculous as a bank refusing to give you money from your account. If you miss a meal, you should get credit towards another meal. Also, we are charged for the amount over four dollars incurred (at the diner), yet do not receive money if we go under the four dollars. **Why?** Such inflexibility is difficult to understand. Doubtless, this could be changed with mere recalibration of the computer and less *greed*.

Why can there not be alcohol in most "social spaces" on weeknights? The school stole a high percentage of the social spaces on campus with Res. Life and is now not only controlling the spaces, but also dictating what will be done in them. Is administration trying to be a good parent?

Why no cigarette machine on campus? (Good parents, again?)

Why the parking problem? Sorry, but the $50 parking permit *does not* come with the 25,000+ tag. Must have missed that in the fine print.

Why the chains?

Why not more parking space created? Yes, it is too bad to pave over good old mother earth, but think of the thousands of innocent trees that die each year only to become paper on some students windshield in the form of a parking ticket. One of Hamilton's "natural resources" is the amount of land that the school has the luxury of being on. We do not suffer from a paucity of space. Parking problems at N.Y.U. are hardly surprising, given the urban location of the school. At Hamilton it is much more difficult to explain.

Why the ruts in the grass? (see chains)

Why is the door in Beinecke always locked? It's cold here, and that's a pain in the ass.

Why can't you drop a class after the drop date with a professor's consent, without involving the schools bureaucracy? In a school of this size, shouldn't the student teacherrelationship be more important than the student-bureaucracy relationship?

Why does the chapel light go out at midnight?

Why the jukebox? Really.

Matt Cleary '96

LETTER AND OP-ED POLICY

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AFFIRMATIVE • ACTION

RALPH ALLEN

America has experienced 30 years of affirmative action programs. Affirmative action is not a law; it is a series of presidential executive orders, civil rights laws, and governmental programs regarding the awarding of federal contracts, fair employment practices and licenses, with the goal of eliminating bigotry in America. It shows the government's promise of equal opportunity by giving minorities and white women a chance to go after jobs once denied to them.

There is a need for affirmative action. The Constitution is a document that commits to the ideals of education and equal economic opportunities to all who qualify regardless of race or gender; however, due to institutionalized racism and other forms of discrimination present in America, these ideals are unobtainable for a large number of citizens. The current attack on affirmative action is based on the illusion of a short supply of jobs, and the progressive loss of 'white' male elitist control over the national economy because of minorities and white women gaining access to the privileges of this nation. This attack focuses on two myths: (1) the domination of people of color and white women in the work force, and (2) set aside programs for unqualified minorities and white women.

Myth: White male elites complain that white women and minorities are taking away their jobs. Although white women and minorities are making progress through affirmative action programs, the relative success encompasses a small percentage of the total work force. According to the 1990 census, the mean on-the-job earnings for all American adults totaled $15,105. Blacks' mean on-the-job annual earnings came to $10,912; Native-Americans', $11,949; and Hispanics', $11,219. Also, women held 40 per cent of the nation's total work force while white men constitute 47 per cent of the nation's total work force (95 per cent of which white men constitute upper-managerial positions. These statistics do not display the domination of minorities and white women in the work force.

Myth: In order to direct America towards a color-blind and sexually equal society, the government must abandon race-based preferences and achieve equality through preferences based on merit. In this case, merit reinforces white male privilege and makes the real victims of discrimination in this country appear to be racists. White elites support a class and gender-based preference to achieve equality. A class-based preference broadens their power base through an increased access to the work force by a limited number of poor whites. This is not meant to suggest that people who control the economy are willing to share it with working class white people.

The reality is that class is class irrespective of color. As always, the division of classes along lines of race has always worked for the people who control this country. The Republican victory in congress is one of hundreds examples of how working class people can be tricked into supporting elitist candidates who never really had their interest at heart. And who suffers, the elderly of all colors, working class people, lunch programs of all cities no matter what the racial distribution is. A class-based preference is not needed when upper-middle class, educated African-Americans, as well as lower-class African Americans, are confronted with racism daily. It is also not needed when women are denied access to jobs due to gender discrimination. The contract for America is a contract on America.

If the validity of affirmative action continues to be criticized, then we must challenge the conservative aim of its programs. The current programs only increase representative numbers of minorities and white women within the work force, rather than challenge the institutions of privilege in this country. In order to survive the 21st century, affirmative action must dismantle institutionalized racism and sexism as a system of white male power. Its future success depends upon the inclusionary aspects of the programs to build diversity and coalitions in society. America cannot be an egalitarian society as long as racism and other forms of discrimination continue to define white male privilege.

Overall, affirmative action addresses inequalities within society. These political policies allow many QUALIFIED minorities and white women progression in areas heavily entrenched with racism and sexism. Affirmative action not only diversifies the work force, but the entire economy as well. Manning Marable states, "let us understand that we are fighting for a larger ideal: the ultimate elimination of race and gender inequality, the uprooting of prejudice and discrimination, and the realization of a truly democratic America". Everyone must fight the reaffirmation of the continuing existence of institutionalized racism and discrimination.

DAN McALLISTER

As with most social planning, affirmative action began with good intentions, though the road to Hell has not been paved so efficiently since the Great Fall. The preferential treatment of certain minorities over the past few decades has had a disastrous impact on our society. The tragic consequences of this program, however, have not impacted the majority, but the very minorities whom they were designed to help.

First, education, minorities who are the recipients of preferential treatment are usually hurt in the long run. Many colleges and universities have strived to ensure that the number of minority students at their institutions is an accurate representation of the minority population as a whole. Thus, these institutions attempt to enroll African Americans as roughly 11 % of the student body. While there are a few dozen schools in this country with SAT scores of entering freshman in excess of 1200, as of 1983 there were less than 600 African Americans in the entire United States scoring in this range. This meant that the Ivy League alone could not achieve representational proportions of African American students without lowering their standards with respect to SAT scores.

The response of top-tier institutions, therefore, was to lower their standards. At the University of California at Berkeley, for example, the median SAT scores of the incoming black students is 952, versus1181 for the university as a whole. An administrator called the incoming classes "wonderfully diverse" because they represented minorities in proportion to the general population of California. How "wonderfully diverse" are Berkeley's graduatingclasses? The sad reality is that 70 % of African American students who enroll there *do not graduate.* What truly makes this situation a tragedy, however, is that the median SAT score of 952 is above the national average for college bound seniors. This means that the African American students who failed at Berkeley would have prospered at other institutions. They were not unqualified, just unqualified for Berkeley.

This situation, unfortunately, is not unique to Berkeley. Most other top-tier universities have similar tales of high drop out rates of minorities given preferential treatment in admissions. The psychological and economic consequences of failing out of college are disastrous, certainly too great a price to pay so that some administrator can brag about his institution being "wonderfully diverse." This is exploitation at its worst.

A second area which minorities, particularly blacks, have been hurt by affirmative action policies is the workplace. From the turn of the century to the early 1960's, the income of blacks slowly but steadily rose each year relative to that of whites. During the civil rights era, blacks' incomes increased in leaps and bounds, both in absolute terms and relative to whites', and did not begin to level off until the early 1970's, after the federal government had established affirmative action policies for businesses

At first glance, it seems that affirmative action is merely a harmless failure. Upon closer inspection of the facts, however, one is truly exposed to the harm it has done. Throughout the 1970's, the median income of college educated blacks increased so that by the 1980 census, college educated black couples were actually earning more than their white counterparts. Uneducated blacks did not fare so well, and their median income relative to whites actually *fell* by over ten percent. So while the top fifth of African Americans increased their relative incomes, the bottom three fifths, those whom affirmative action was intended to help, saw their relative incomes decline. Other ethnic minorities have also fared just as poorly since the institution of affirmative action. Relative incomes of Puerto Rican families fell by nearly 30 percent, and Mexican American family incomes also decreased relative to whites'.

Why this tragic decline among the least fortunate members of the country? The most likely explanation is that with the government scrutinizing the hiring and firing practices of corporations, they are unlikely to take risks with an unqualified minority candidate. In a notorious lawsuit against Sears, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charged the corporation with under-representation of women among its commission salesmen, despite the fact that not one woman had charged them with discrimination. The great irony was that Sears had been a pioneer in the affirmative action movement and had maintained a close record of its own performance in the recruiting of women and minorities. The records the company kept turned out to be the very evidence used against them in the federal case. With the federal government constantly scrutinzing them for under-representation of women and minorities, it is easy to imagine what might happen if a minority member were actually fired from a job. Thus, the reluctance of companies to take risks in the hiring of minorities. Thus, the decline in relative income of minority groups since the institution of affirmative action.

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GREY MATTERS

Every year, on the first weekend of March something interesting happens. From all across America the trustees of Hamilton College descend upon our school like Japanese bombers upon Pearl Harbor. Our early warning systems hidden in the supposedly broken windmill pick up the incoming visitors and alert physical plant. The rest of the campus is alerted to the situation by the sudden torrent of cleaning and repainting that our campus is assaulted with to cover up the vandalism and other shady conditions that surround us every other weekend (of course that excludes parent's weekend and other trustee and alumni visits.)

It was at this very series of meetings last year that The Report of the Committee on Residential Life was approved, announced, and enacted by the trustees. (It should be noted that whether the report was enacted or selectively enacted is questionable. So by the time this article is published the one year anniversary of the decision will be upon us. My personal opinion and what I perceive to be that of the majority of the student body's is that it was not a positive year. Furthermore, I fear that this only the beginning and worse times are to come. A recent survey was conducted in in the fabled Beinecke Student Center. While the jukebox blared its cacophony 83% of the sophomores, juniors, and seniors polled voted that they were happier last year. In addition, 91% of the first years surveyed commented that they were not happy with Hamilton and it was not what they expected.

My personal discontent lies in several areas which I have babbled about to my computer and through it you. However, I will recap for the sake of any trustee who might pick up the paper and read the truth. Hamilton is not filled with the shiny happy people that the propaganda they and our parents suggests. Morale is at all time low. Contrary to the promises of last March societies were not given adequate storage, some have none. They also were not provided with the promised secure meeting spots. Over the past summer, we were all sent brochure explaining how in addition to these spaces, each society would be provided with a private meeting area complete with a kitchen unit. Now, halfway through the second semester, as pledging grows closer, most societies are wondering where they can meet without interruption and would be happy with even any meeting area; the grandiose schemes we were presented with have been written off as the bunk they are. Social spaces are clearly inadequate and as a result the campus has been fragmented and the alternative downtown scene has produced an onslaught of alcohol related incidents and plethora of arrests for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving Under Alcoholic Influence that would put Teddy Kennedy to shame. As for the new improvements to residential life they too fall under the category of bunk. The previous year has produced enough examples in this area on our campus to create a "Table of Bunkdification." The new residences were built hastily to compensate for the miscalculations of the reslife plan and as a result they have problems far worse than the typical Hamilton construction errors (i.e. the almost nonexistent lighting, possessed plumbing, and temperature oblivious heat found in Carnegie and South.) Problems with the new "small living units" include inadequate kitchen facilities, cheap and poor quality construction supplies, and reports of a sinking building. The common lunch is clearly a failure, no further explanation is needed. As for Bon Appetit they present an interesting equivalent of Hallmark. With our prior feeders, the food was consistently low-grade mediocre compared to the odd predicament now. Bon Appetit provides food that is good for a short while, then bad for a long while. Other improvements include mad decorations for insignificant holidays and food served Oliver Twist style.

A final set of qualms begins with the underfunding of campus activities and the subsequent booking of superstars whose music is popular here at Hamilton. Case in point, examine the turnout at the Goo-Goo Dolls extravaganza. We also have been deprived of the quintessential college experience of living downtown. It is difficult to explain to those who do not attend college here on the hill that even my senior year, I must live in a dormitory not an apartment. At last, I arrive at my point. To mark the one year anniversary of the residential life decision, there will be a protest held Saturday at 8:30 in the morning. It will take place in front of Buttrick (the business office) as the trustees enter the building for their meeting. It is a difficult task to motivate to wake up at that hour, but it is far worse to ignore a cause one believes in. This event is an important opportunity to demonstrate that all is not well and alerting the trustees to our discontent before the meeting when they discuss the state of affairs here.

In addition, they debate such issues as an increase in funding for campus events and the path they will take in cleaning up their mess and implementing the rest of the plan. It is crucial to attend this protest and not let the administration quickly paint over our opinions with a temporary facade of a united community like physical plant does our disshelvelled campus.

VOICE BOX

Q: What is your opinion on Hamilton's new parking restrictions?

A:

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Dan Roberts
"Everywhere I go, I get a ticket. Security can stick it."

Shawn Murphy
"Security had to do something when people are driving on the grass."

GB Woody ring a bell? Why not participate in the Hamilton College Community's first mural to be painted this semester!!! Send verbal or written ideas to Pentagon via campus mail by Thursday, March 7th.

Nuclear power: An energy future we can't afford

PETER KELLY
REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS

If you read my last article, you may have been struck by my attitude toward nuclear power. Unlike many of my fellow environmentalists, I'm not afraid of nuclear power. In fact, it's preferable to coal, which has wreaked havoc on our environment and claimed countless thousands of lives. I oppose nuclear power not because I think my children will be mutants with three legs, but because it's a wasteful investment and may present an indirect threat to national security.

The fact is that nuclear power is already failing on economic grounds. In the 1950s, the utilities boasted that nuclear-generated electricity would be "too cheap to meter." So much for technological predictions! Since then, the costs of new nuclear power plants have skyrocketed. Today, electricity from a new nuclear power plant would cost 12-15 cents per kilowatt-hour (the amount of electricity needed to run a 1000-watt device for one hour). This may sound like nickels and dimes, but it adds up fast. Nuclear power is now among the most expensive sources of electricity.

Here's a quick comparison of the current prices of electricity (in cents per kilowatt-hour) from some other kinds of new power plants:
-Solar mirror systems—15
-Oil—10
-Wind—6-8
-Coal (our main electrical source)—7
-Natural gas—6
-Large-scale hydroelectric—4

These numbers don't tell the whole story: The price of nuclear-generated electricity, and to a lesser extent electricity from coal, is rising, while the prices of renewable electricity sources like solar and wind are falling. Even now, if you included the cost of subsidies to nuclear power, the price of electricity from new nuclear reactors would be jacked up to 20 cents per kilowatt-hour. If you added in the environmental costs (mostly waste disposal), the cost would rise to a staggering 29 cents per kilowatt-hour. This is an irrational investment when you consider that for a mere 0-1 cent per kilowatt-hour, we can install new energy-saving devices that could cut U.S. electricity use 50-75% over the next few decades.

Even if we could make cheaper nuclear reactors, we'd still have to worry about terrorists making bombs out of nuclear waste. Just five pounds of plutonium, a component of nuclear waste, is enough to make a nuclear bomb. Such a bomb could topple the World Trade Center and kill hundreds of thousands of people. This waste is so dangerously radioactive and the security surrounding it so tight that it would take highly sophisticated terrorists to make a bomb from it. But we cannot afford to be complacent. Terrorists may be able to recruit disgruntled scientists, and other countries, especially Russia, are less strict in protecting waste. The problem is not going to go away soon—the plutonium won't decay for tens of thousands of years.

Could we solve these problems by replacing nuclear fission (atom-splitting) power plants with nuclear fusion ones? It's not likely. Researchers at laboratories around the world have been trying for almost fifty years to get energy out of the fusing of hydrogen atoms. The goal is an inexhaustible source of energy, using seawater-derived fuel, while producing neither radiation nor radioactive waste. Despite a flurry of interest a few years ago, scientists have now all but given up on cold (room temperature) fusion. Current research focuses on hot fusion at millions of degrees—the energy sources of the sun and hydrogen bombs. Controlled hot fusion has been possible for decades. The problem is that the temperatures and pressures required to start the reaction are so high that we get less energy out than we put in. It's like lighting a toothpick with a blowtorch and then using the energy of the burning toothpick. Researchers have tried elaborate systems of magnets, laser pulses, or particle beams—all have lost energy. Unfortunately, the most "promising" reaction now under study involves releases of radioactivity and requires the mining of lithium. Even if a fusion technique were developed that yielded energy overall, the cost would be at least as great as that of conventional nuclear fission power. Fusion research is worth continuing, but we certainly shouldn't count on fusion being a large-scale source of electricity any time soon.

What's the future of nuclear power? In the U.S. the costs of building nuclear power plants have become prohibitive. The last American order for a nuclear power plant that wasn't later cancelled was placed way back in 1974. After a peak in 1991, when plants ordered back in the early '70s finally came on line, the number of U.S. nuclear power plants has slowly declined. Most of the other countries with nuclear plants are also turning to other energy sources, although East Asian countries and France want to continue to expand their nuclear power capacity. And just recently Cuba announced that it would resume construction on a Soviet-style plant started in the 1980s. So the age of nuclear power will be with us for a while. The new Cuban reactor, which is just 260 miles from Miami, will keep nuclear fears alive well into the next century.

If we were willing to pay the price, we could continue to generate safe nuclear power. The new designs present few environmental problems and produce wastes that cannot easily be made into bombs. But in making our energy decisions, we have to look at the larger picture. Nuclear power is a huge investment, which does not free us from foreign oil dependence, and which diverts resources from developing conservation techniques and renewable-energy sources. At most, nuclear power should be seen as a way to tide us over to an age of conservation and renewables. Barring an unexpected breakthrough in fusion, the age of nuclear power will end in the foreseeable future. I don't think anyone will miss it.

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The V-chip

It's *Barney* for everyone

President Clinton recentlysigned a law mandating that all new televisions manufactured within the next two years be equipped with V-chips. The new law will allow families to monitor viewing. By using a remote control device, violent shows can be screened out. This law was instituted so that children's television viewing could be regulated by their parents. No longer will children be subject to violent programs that can have effects on their behavior and development. However, the cable companies are complaining that the V-chip is more than a way for parents to manage their children. They believe it to be an intrusive governmental regulation. This thought, however, does not seem to have much backing. Most Canadians, who are now testing the V-chip, feel that it is a wonderful way to monitor violence on television.

The V-chip will allow parents to have more control over their children's developmental process by making sure that what they watch on television is not negative. The V-chip device has evolved into a easy to operate device. The first model was difficult to manage and was not as compact as the new model. Now, an extra $2 monthly fee will make the V-chip available to all Canadians who want to purchase it for their televisions.

The V-chip was designed by Tim Collins, a professor of electrical engineering and robotics at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, with the intent to allow parents a tool of regulation without affecting the artistic freedoms of the communication community. After President Clinton signed the Telecommunications legislation, the V-chip bill got underway. Four American broadcast networks then began to create a rating system that would allow the V-chip to work. In Canada, programs are categorized now by their degree of violence, dirty language and sexual display. There are five different levels which range from General Audience to Graphic and Explicit. The general audience programs are seen as acceptable for everyone, whereas the graphic and explicit programs should be monitored by parents. Families can set their televisions so that any programs not in the category of general audience can be blocked out. When parents want to view other programs, they simply press a button to override the chip.

BARI ALTBERG
ANYONE'S TAKE

The main purpose behind the V-chip is to curb societal violence that television violence creates. While the V-chip will definitely not eliminate violence in our society, it will allow parents a chance to raise their children without having to worry about negative external influences. Most children do not understand that violence is wrong and therefore when they see it on television, their normal reaction is to try and imitate the behaviors. Now, the only behaviors that they will be imitating are those of Barney and Mr. Rogers.

The V-chip is a beneficial device to many families with young children. For these parents, the idea of being able to monitor what their children are watching is wonderful. However, does this mean that children will become unaware of violence because they cannot watch the graphic and explicit television programs? Probably not, but possibly programs such as "The Power Rangers" or "Mighty Morphings" will not become as popular among children. While the V-chip is a benefit for most families, it is a detriment to many production companies who develop programs such as "The Power Rangers" and "Mighty Morphines." They will now have to begin to create programs that meet the general audience requirement. The V-chip will inevitably have an overall effect on society and industry. Manufacturers of toys and other games will also have to begin to create new products to meet the changes of television programs. I believe that the V-chip will have a domino-like effect in the next few years.

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BUDDHA'S BUZZ

MES Productions puts new spin on Hamilton scene

Student-run rave company starts new social option for tired campus

By Peter N. Gaston '99
MANAGING EDITOR

Anyone who has passed Dunham 101 this year will remember, fondly or not, the sound of a crunching beat bursting through the forty year old walls and out into space. At all hours of the day, the beat is pumping.

Within the two-room double, Erin Ersenkal '98 is behind the turntables in a dark corner lit only by black light and a dimmed lamp. Lights blink and pulsate from his control console and smooth sound blares from the wall-mounted speakers.

Ersenkal, with his shaved head bobbing to the beat, leans in towards the spinning vinyl. With huge black headphones covering one ear, he spins one disc, looking to match beats for a silky transition into a new song. He finds the match and blends new groove into old, sneaking tastes of music to come into the big mix. Slowly, he builds up the new track in volume and on the equalizer and suddenly a new vibe has oozed through to full force.

Ersenkal and friends Ben Mintz '98 and Jeremy Sokolnicki '98 have found a market for this vibe outside of Dunham. In mid-January, the three sophomores joined forces as MES Productions to put on a rave called Exit in the ELS basement. The trio funded most of the endeavor with their own funds and provided an intense 6-hour musical and visual experience for a mere $3 admission charge.

The decision to start a rave production company was not a random one. Early in the year, Ersenkal set up a successful rave at the Griffin Road apartments complete with lights and video screen. Later in the semester, they rocked Saunders House. The reaction was positive according to Ersenkal. "The people weren't saying, 'Wow, this is loud music I can dance to.' They were really taken away by it.

After another, bigger event sponsored by the Chi Psi society, MES was ready to make their EXIT. ELS was the site, and MES created an alcohol-free environment that drew mad crowds. This proved to MES that people here dig raves. "At that party there was no alcohol, and that just shows you that it was the music that was taking people away," said Ersenkal.

"I don't think the campus is particularly familiar with this type of music," said Mintz, "but it definitely provides a change to what the normal party scene is here."

"The parties have gotten monotonous with beer and cheesy music. We have good lights and a fabulous sound system. It's like going out to a club if you went to school in a city," he continued.

Even for students who knew the rave scene before coming to the hill, MES raves are a fun outlet. "There really is no other place around here where you can go and hear this kind of music. The club scene in Clinton is kind of lacking," commented Mintz.

EXIT proved to be a success, and money earned was invested by MES for a sequel: tonight's Bubbles. "Each rave we put on is going to be better than the one before. We improve our setup with more high-tech equipment each time," explained Mintz.

MES hopes to attract ravers from off-campus as well with Bubbles as it did with EXIT. Professional-like promotions such as the circulation of flyers around the central New York region and promotions on WHCL earned the MES production respect from outsiders to the Hamilton scene.

Bubbles, tonight in ELS (see ad opposite page), will feature Ersenkal and Jimmy Monica '98 spinning in the main room and DJ Phorever in the chill room. The rave is called Bubbles due to the two bubble machines that will be in place in the ELS basement.

Also planned for Bubbles is a neon drawing wall where ravers can color the walls with fluorescent crayons. In addition, the first 100 people in the door will receive free light sticks.

NEXT • WEEK

Check out next week's Buzz for a further look into MES and the raving scene. Find out about rave music styles and the art of spinning straight from Erin Ersenkal.

PHOTO BY ERIN MITCHELL '96

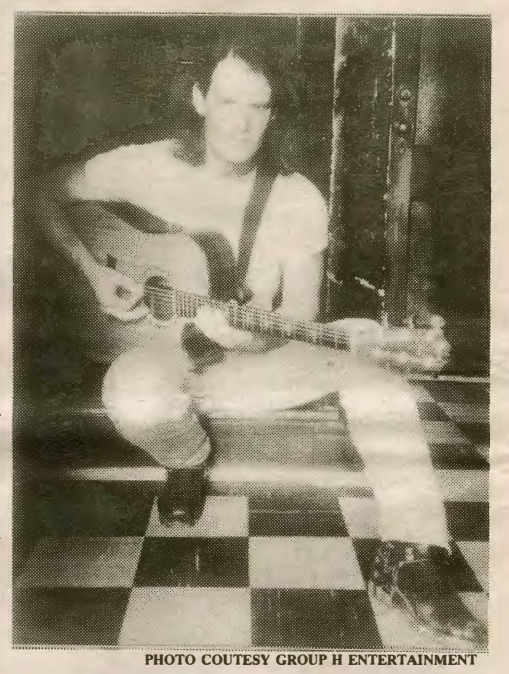
Erin Ersenkal '98 spins records on his turntables in Dunham. Catch Erin live with MES Productions tonight in ELS.

CAB Comedy presents singer/comedian Rayburn

By Emily Croker '99
A&E WRITER

He can play rock songs. He can sing country. He can play classical guitar. He can sing folk songs. He will make you laugh, he will make you cry. He can create a new outlook on your view of the world, he will move you. Well, you must be wondering who is this guy is and why he is coming to Hamilton College. His name is Mike Rayburn, and thanks to the hard work of CAB, this outstanding, versatile performer will be appearing at the Events Barn this Saturday night.

Mike Rayburn has played at hundreds of colleges throughout the United States and Canada and has been voted America's "Best Acoustic Act" for 1994 and1995, "Campus Entertainer of the Year," and "Small Concert Entertainer of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities. If these accomplishments are not enough, he has also been honored with the "Harry Chapmin Award" for his compassionate volunteer work in helping needy children around the world.



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Mike Rayburn hits the Barn tonight.

So what exactly does Mike Rayburn do? Formally, he is known as a performer of music, comedy, and masterful guitar, yet he is actually much more. Rayburn incorporates a wide variety of styles into his act, featuring songs from such artists as Indigo Girls, Billy Joel, R.E.M., Jimmy Buffet, The Beatles, and Simon and Garfunkel. With such a combination, most will inevitably hear at least one of their favorite songs before the show is over and will probably leave with their expectations surpassed. As a published songwriter, Rayburn is also prided for his own light-hearted, insightful works which have received enthusiasm practically everywhere he plays.

Interaction with his audience is clearly one of Mike Rayburn's favorite aspect of his performance. He appears to be very laid back and comfortable, yet he manages to convey a serious message about life, as evidenced by a statement from a student at Arizona Western College. "I know he has changed my life and I will always be grateful to Mike for teaching me and reminding me about what is really important in life's journey!" He has devoted many hours to making the world a better place as part of the group Compassion International. "We're all going through some things," he states, "sorrows and joys- but if we sit back and do nothing, nothing is going to change. Make a difference." Rayburn is obviously capable of greatly impacting his audience, but for those of you not interested in learning about the meaning of life on a Saturday night, relax, this guy is funny too!

Mike Rayburn is known for his ability to relate to a young audience, and the fact that he has repeated performances at several colleges and universities is proof of his acceptance and enthusiasm on campus. A student at Hiram College attests, "His humor, personality, and musical talents make for a great show! Mike Rayburn is not just a run of the mill coffeehouse performer- his originality and congeniality take him above the rest. We love Mike!"

His "crossover comedy" style, in which he portrays two very different groups singing the others songs, are guaranteed to bring laugher to all those in doubt of his humorous side. He also features creative and hilarious parodies of artists such as Michael Jackson, Garth Brooks, and AC/DC. One of the favorite highlights of Rayburns's show is his guitar version of Charlie Daniel's "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," a piece that he has worked hard to perfect into his own original version.

Mike Rayburn appears to offer a perfect blend of music, comedy, and guitar playing. According to one student, "The show was one of the best performances ever on the WWC campus. His musical talent moved people to laugh, cry, dance, sing along, and scream for more!" Come see what this man is all about Saturday night at 8pm.

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THE 1996 ACADEMY AWARDS

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BY GINA CARBONE '99
A&E WRITER

The Academy of Arts and Sciences announced the nominations for the 68th Academy Awards, which will be given out on March 25, earlier this month. Some of the nominations, like Sean Penn as Best Actor, were expected. Others, such as *Babe* for Best Picture, were a bit of a shock.

The top six most eagerly anticipated awards are Best Picture, Best Actor/Actress, Best Supporting Actor/Actress, and Best Director. The Awards, presented later in March, usually begin with the Best Supporting Actress and Actor and then close with the other five awards.

Several of the nominees have already been graced with Golden Globes for their performances: Mel Gibson, Nicholas Cage, Sharon Stone, Brad Pitt, and Mira Sorvino. Each of these nominees has a strong chance of winning again.

It is strange, however, that so many contenders for the Awards were overlooked. Neither Nicole Kidman nor Jennifer Jason Leigh were nominated for thier roles in *To Die For* and *Georgia*, although they both received rave reviews. Kidman was expected to be a strong contender for Best Actress. Ron Howard was snubbed for a Best Director nod, which was very surprising.

Was *Babe* really that much more impressive? One thing that relieved me was that Tom Hanks was not nominated again this year. I would have been tortured to madness by the idea of him winning for a third time.

Clearly I am not a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, but if they came to me with split votes and needed my choices for the winners, here is what I would do:

I see *Sense and Sensibility* winning for Best Picture this year, because choosing *Babe* would make a laughing stock of the industry , and choosing a foreign film would send Hollywood into an uproar. *Apollo 13* was a true story with no redeeming message and *Braveheart* was too bloody and gorey for the traditionally uptight Academy members. *Sense and Sensibility* was a tame, proper, bland period piece based on a classic novel. It is a safe choice for the Academy.

It is a shame that *Dead Man Walking* was not nominated. I will never forgive the Academy for that. Now here is a movie with controversy, great acting, and a message. Having never had a chance to see *Il Postino*, I cannot be a fair judge, so I will try to move around it somehow.

For Best Actor, I would choose Sean Penn. The leading contender is Nicholas Cage, fresh from the Golden Globe victory.

Elisabeth Shue gets my vote for Best Actress. Susan Sarandon did fine, but the focus of *Dead Man Walking* was not on her. Meryl Streep and Emma Thompson have already won Oscars for better roles.

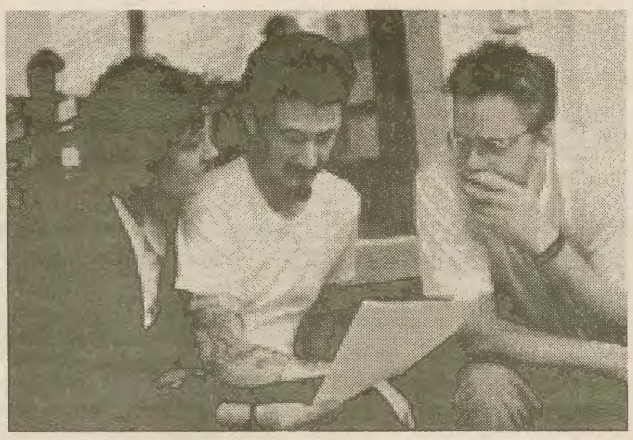
Mira Sorvino will probably win Supporting Actress because her role shows such range for the Harvard educated actress. However, I would advise her to be on the lookout for a sneak attack by Mare Winningham.

If Kevin Spacey does not win Best Supporting Actor for *The Usual Suspects*, then something is definitely wrong with the world. If it were up to me, *The Usual Suspects* would sweep the Oscars, but Spacey should at least be given this one merit badge for his performance.

Choosing the Best Director is difficult. True, *Braveheart* was a dramatic flowing period piece and Gibson won for it at the Gloden Globes, but what about Tim Robbins' dual sided representation of capital punishment in *Dead Man Walking*? We cannot forget Mike Figgis' poignant symbolism in directing his characters in *Leaving Las Vegas*, and I heard that it took a lot of work to make *Babe*, so I will not completely knock it. Unfortunately, I cannot say anything about *Il Postino*, which may take the award.

If I were asked to make the final call, I would choose *Dead Man Walking*, although it is not nominated, for Best Picture. I appreciate the controversial stance, religious symbolism and multidimensional views.

Make your own Oscar picks and try to win *The Spectator*'s "And The Nominees Are..." contest.



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***Dead Man Walking* picked up several nominations for this year's Academy Awards including Best Actor (Sean Penn), Best Actress (Susan Sarandon), and Best Director (Tim Robbins). Had it been nominated, it would have been Gina's choice for Best Picture.**

AND THE NOMINEES ARE...

Here is a list of some Oscar nominations for this year. *The Spec* is holding a contest for Oscar picks. Fill out this form and mail it to *The Spec* via campus mail to win free movie tickets. Deadline: March 8.

BEST PICTURE
- ❒ *Apollo 13*
- ❒ *Babe*
- ❒ *Braveheart*
- ❒ *Il Postino (The Postman)*
- ❒ *Sense and Sensibility*

BEST ACTOR
- ❒ Nicholas Cage — *Leaving Las Vegas*
- ❒ Richard Dreyfuss — *Mr. Holland's Opus*
- ❒ Anthony Hopkins — *Nixon*
- ❒ Sean Penn — *Dead Man Walking*
- ❒ Massimo Troisi — *Il Postino*

BEST ACTRESS
- ❒ Susan Sarandon — *Dead Man Walking*
- ❒ Elisabeth Shue — *Leaving Las Vegas*
- ❒ Sharon Stone — *Casino*
- ❒ Meryl Streep — *Bridges of Madison County*
- ❒ Emma Thompson — *Sense and Sensibility*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
- ❒ Joan Allen — *Nixon*
- ❒ Kathleen Quinlan — *Apollo 13*
- ❒ Mira Sorvino — *Mighty Aphrodite*
- ❒ Mare Winningham — *Georgia*
- ❒ Kate Winslet — *Sense and Sensibility*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
- ❒ James Cromwell — *Babe*
- ❒ Ed Harris — *Apollo 13*
- ❒ Brad Pitt — *12 Monkeys*
- ❒ Tim Roth — *Rob Roy*
- ❒ Kevin Spacey — *The Ususal Suspects*

BEST DIRECTOR
- ❒ Chris Noonan — *Babe*
- ❒ Mel Gibson — *Braveheart*
- ❒ Tim Robbins — *Dead Man Walking*
- ❒ Mike Figgis — *Leaving Las Vegas*
- ❒ Michael Radford — *Il Postino*

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TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You've been hesitant to go out and try new things, but don't be afraid to jump into life with both feet! Start taking advantage of every opportunity while you still have the chance.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Lately you've been dwelling on the past quite a bit. Stop reminiscing and rehashing old memories and go out and suck the marrow out of life.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You've become so absorbed in your studying and social life that you haven't been taking the time to notice the little things in life. Go out and watch a sunset or take a walk in the Glen.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 22)

Be sure to get to the rave this weekend and have elaborate travel plans in mind. Also, be careful about what you may be revealing to those whom you think you can trust. One slip of the tongue could result in something bad.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)

Start focusing on your work. You've spent the entire semester partying and now it's time to hit the books. Don't despair, Spring Break is only a week away.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22)

Be careful next time you borrow someone's car for a quick ride. With the winter weather and so many deer running around these parts, you may find yourself in trouble.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21)

When it comes to advice about life, stop paying so much attention to your roommate and start thinking for yourself and being your own person. For advice on important matters you should only rely on the horoscopes.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21)

You find yourself settling into a routine with work and play. Definitely start trying new things before you get caught in a rut.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 19)

You really think you're on top of everything, but trust me, you're not. Step back and examine your shortcomings or you'll be in for some trouble real soon.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 18)

You find yourself in a quandary as to what to do about the many problems that you now face. Seek advice from a trusted confidante, but always remain wary of their motives.

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Calendar & Movies

1 *Friday*

Trustee Weekend
TBA Men's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Dartmouth.
TBA Women's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Amherst.
TBA Ice Hockey. ECAC Playoffs.
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon German Table. Azel Backus House.
noon Amazing Button Factory. Beinecke Village.
7:30 pm Film: Golden Eye. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $
8 pm Hamilton Performing Arts Series. Cherish the Ladies. A premier all-women ensemble of America's traditional Irish music. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center. $

2 *Saturday*

Trustee Weekend
TBA Women's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Amherst.
TBA Ice Hockey. ECAC Playoffs.
TBA Men's Basketball. NCAA Playoffs.
TBA Men's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Dartmouth.
All Day Crazy Cook-Off.
1 pm Festival of Choirs. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
8 pm Comedian. Mike Rayburn. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.
10 pm Film: Golden Eye. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

3 *Sunday*

TBA Men's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Dartmouth.
TBA Women's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Amherst.
11:30 am Protestant Worship. Janna Roche, College Chaplain. Chapel.
11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting. Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.
1 pm Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3 pm Senior Recital: Shun Nga Helen Lee '96, piano. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
7:30 pm Film: Golden Eye. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

4 *Monday*

1 pm Conversations with President Gene Tobin. Beinecke Village.
3 pm & 7:30 pm Film: Alfred Hitchock, Vertigo (USA '58). Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *
4 pm Lecture. "Pulsed Nuclear Magnetic Resonance: The Perfect Advanced Lab Experience." Professor Jonathan Reichert, SUNY at Buffalo. Science Building, Physics Auditorium.
4:15 pm Lecture. "The Changing Face of Labor: Organizing Immigrant Women in New York's, China Town." JoAnn Lum, Program Director, Chinese Staff and
Workers. Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

5 *Tuesday*

noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon Spanish Language Table: La Mesa Española. Azel Backus House.
4:10 pm Faculty Meeting. Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center
5:30 pm Chinese Table. Azel Backus House.
8 pm Lecture. "Neanderthal Enigma." JaMesa Shreeve. Science
Auditorium.
8:30 pm Benjamin Toth, Percussionist. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
9 pm Student Media Board Meeting. Student Media Board Office, Third Floor, Bristol Campus Center.

6 *Wednesday*

noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3 pm & 7:30 pm Film: Gene Kelly and Stanley Donan,Singin' in the Rain (USA '52). Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *
4 pm Hamilton Support Group for Eating Issues Meeting. North Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

7 *Thursday*

noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
4 pm Play: Homer's Iliad, Aquila Productions. North Court.
8 pm Sculpture and Drawing Slide Presentation. Lawson Smith, visiting artist from Syracuse University. Science Auditorium.
8 pm Poetry Reading. William Hathaway, author Churl's Grace. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

8 *Friday*

Spring Recess begins at 4 pm
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.

MOVIES

The following area movie schedules are for the week of March 1.

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Up Close and Personals 7:00, 900
Down Periscope 7:10, 9:40
Happy Gilmore 7:15, 9:25
Muppet Treasure Island 6:50, 9:20
Broken Arrow 7:30, 10:00
Mr. Holland's Opus 6:30, 9:30
Sense and Sensibility 6:40, 9:35
Before and After 7:20, 9:55
Toy Story (Sat. Sun.) 12:05, 2:25
City Hall (Fri, M-R) 7:05, 9:50
(Sat.,Sun.) 12:05, 2:25

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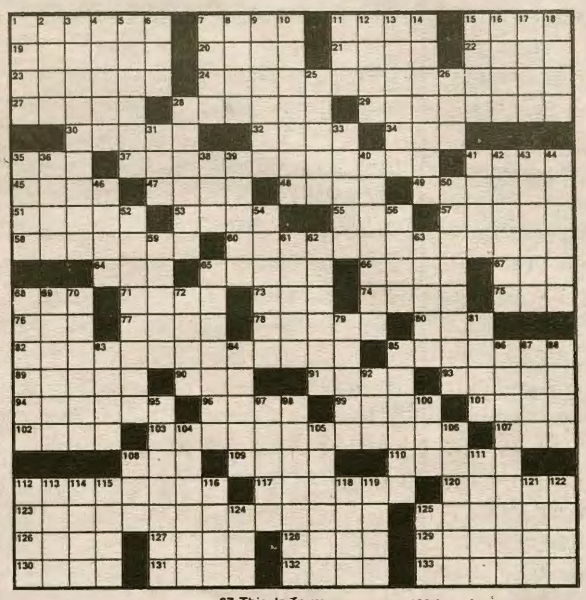
Friday & Sunday @7:30
Golden Eye
Saturday @10:00



ACROSS
1 Reception
7 Actress Lena
11 Prof.'s rank
15 Shows agreement
19 Move like The Hulk
20 "The __ of the Ancient Mariner"
21 Zebulun's mother
22 Norman offering
23 Navy officer
24 They're not small
27 Cavalry weapon
28 Place for a Prizm
29 Oldtime exclamation
30 Basketry material
32 Cartoonist Addams
34 Desk material
35 Pesky bug
37 Personal-asset investigation
41 In the matter of
45 Both Chaneys
47 Place
48 Laura or Bruce
49 Blue-penciled
51 Part of *Macbeth*
53 Actor Cobb
55 Dog-fancier's grp.
57 Toughen through use
58 Hawking specialty
60 Albert Finney role
64 Word form for "equal"
65 Scenery
66 Islamic prince
67 This, in Tours
68 Family member
71 Lewis of *Ellen*
73 Round Table knight
74 Actress Anderson
75 Pay ending
76 Shakespearean verb
77 Lubricious
78 Organic compound
80 Wine word
82 Carnival employee
85 Turns down
89 Negatively charged particle
90 High-fashion, '60s-style
91 Close
93 Brouhaha
94 Holds, as attention
96 What the finicky pick
99 Rock star Clapton
101 Apothecary weight
102 Frozen
103 Jazz classic
107 __ de France
108 ". . . the giftie __ us . . ."
109 Undergo
110 A little shead
112 Gives way
117 Trusts, with "on"
120 Ancient Persian city
123 Classic novel of 1883
125 Boundaries
126 Hostile
127 Kiddie block
128 Give the eye to
129 Less fatty
130 Poker plays
131 "__ only kidding!"
132 Gregorian division
133 Hudson River School artist

DOWN
1 Pub choices
2 It swims to breathe
3 Tahiti visitor
4 Drama honors
5 Whim
6 Seabird
7 Willy of film
8 Truth bender
9 Collision
10 Whinnied
11 Chicken __ king
12 It's you
13 Speakeasy
14 Current style
15 Mil. alliance
16 Layered cookie
17 Juicy gossip
18 Shoulder band
25 Hector
26 Click of disapproval
28 Desired objects
31 Slithery swimmer
33 Unattached
35 Tent entrance
36 Lomond, for one
38 Hillary Clinton, __ Rodham
39 Kid leather
40 Quill partner
41 Sakhalin native
42 House finish
43 *Working* author
44 Black Sea port
46 Spanish ayes
50 Interrogates
52 Baron's better
54 Coyote kin
56 Militia garb, for short
59 Recent bestseller-list name
61 Factotum
62 Restoration poet
63 Washer cycle
65 __ Beach, FL
68 Kenya trek
69 Like some denouements
70 Take pains
72 Kind of sch.
79 Cantilevered window
81 Gave a sign to
83 Three-__ sloth
84 Archie's wife
85 68 Down sightings
86 Open-cut excavation
87 Latin abbr.
88 Approximately
92 Coll. srs.' test
95 Spurs
97 Ivan and Boris, for two
98 Seasoned sausage
100 A&P box
104 What Solomon spoke
105 Mammal's fur
106 Petty officers
108 Astronaut Grissom
111 One of eight popes
112 Check mate
113 Advocate
114 Highlander
115 Low islands
116 Nintendo rival
118 *To Live and Die* __
119 German river
121 Colorado Indians
122 Lat. and Lith., once
124 Some moths
125 He defeated Spinks

Seniors say sionara

DAMON LOPEZ O'DWYER '98
JASON SANTARCANGELO '98
ASSOCIATE EDITORS

As the funeral march proceeded out of the Margaret Scott Bundy Field house last night, there was a sense of closure that extended beyond the fact that the season was over. Four years of dedication and hard work by the Continental seniors that resulted in an unprecedented two NCAA tournaments berths had magnificently come and swiftly gone. After last year's marvelous ride to the tournament round of sixteen, this year's squad had dreams of an even greater glory, but it was not to be.

As they realized that it was over, many of the senior Continentals became choked up with emotion. For all of their lives, there has always been "next season", but now, there is only the "real world". To accomplish what this bunch did required a special bond that does not just go away, and it is this continued closeness that made the moment so poignant. They will always be teammates, and no failure to win a single basketball game can erase that.

The Hamilton loyals were out in full force last night as the Dog Pound raged 100 strong. Acknowledged by Joe Mrozienski and Scott Pace as "always being the sixth man", the Pound kept true to their own spirit and led the crowd who cheered themselves sore, even until the final buzzer when no amount of noise could bring back the time on the clock. All that is left now are memories of another outstanding season—a season of which players and fans alike should be proud. When the court is clear and the stands are empty, it is always the spirit with which the game is played that is remembered, and in the case of this team, that memory is a champion.

As he hung up his headphones for the last time, the radio voice of the Continentals, Sam Walker, reflected back on his time in the booth. "It's been four unbelievable years. I thank WHCL for giving me the shot to call the games on the radio." The shot clearly payed off as Mr. Walker brought the excitement of the game into dorm rooms and homes throughout Clinton. As he has said throughout his time behind the microphone, "Winners never quit and quitters never win. Hamilton gave it their all."

They sure did, Sam, and then some; our sincere thanks to you and the other senior Continentals for all of the glorious moments. You will be missed.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

A courtside view of the Hamilton seniors' last basketball game

Continentals fall short of second straight sweet sixteen

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nament. An absolute shooting clinic by Scott Pace, who scored 22 of Hamilton's 46 second half points, gave hope to the desperate Continentals. A three-pointer by Pace brought the score to 71-66 with 2:58 left in the game. Unfortunately, Hamilton would never come closer than five, as Mrozienski and Thorpe eventually fouled out. St. Lawrence proved too resilliant, hitting clutch free throws down the stretch, while playing fundamentally well in an 85-78 win.

St. Lawrence will play RPI on Saturday. St. Lawrence coach Dave Paulsen had extremely positive things to say about his own program and Hamilton's: "It was obviously a great performance, probably our best of the year, offensively and defensively. We held the Continentals to 36% shooting which was the key. This was the first time we didn't let Mrozienski kill us. Every time he touched the ball, we put two players on him. It was a great game and Hamilton is a class program. We kind of model ourselves after Hamilton and Coach Murphy's legacy." Craig Acunto was the high man for St. Lawrence, scoring 25 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Carter Perriman and Andy Bardeschewski also chipped in with 15 each.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Hamilton's season ended with an 85-78 loss to St. Lawrence in the NCAA Tournament

Things were not as cheerful on the Continental side. Coach Tom Murphy attributed the loss to lack of execution and tenacious play by St. Lawrence. "They made us do things we didn't want to do. They played excellent. They beat us to rebounds, loose balls and everything else. It's hard to beat a good team three times, and they were well prepared and hungry."

Joe Mrozienski saw the difference in shooting percentage as the key statistic. "They came out hard. Their shooting percentage was up and ours was down. Every time we pushed, and got ourselves back in it, it seemed like they took us that much out of it. It seemed like they didn't miss. "

The Continentals finish the year 16-9. Mrozienski, Scott Pace, Al Lewis, Art Reliford and Greg Shea will be missed next year. Coach Murphy was relatively satisfied with his team's performance this season. "This was a good team. We never got as consistent as we wanted to, but we made it to the NCAA's. We got as much mileage out of our guys as can be expected. Every game we gave up so much size, it was impressive that we lasted so long."

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Conts' talent clear as Glass

Swimmers score second in NY State

TOM AYRES '98
STAFF WRITER

The men's Swimming and Diving team finished an impressive second at the New York State Championship held over the weekend in Rensselaer, bolstering their 4 - 2 record.

Out of a field of sixteen teams, the Continentals posted a total score of 1283, second only to Union's 1453. Of the many outstanding performances by Hamilton, Dan Glass distinguished himself by continuing his stellar senior campaign with a first-place finish in the 500m Individual Medley and a second-place in the 200m IM.

Freshman Tim Donahue continued to dazzle his upperclass teammates and befuddle his opponents by placing second in the 3-meter dive, and third in the 1-meter. His classmate and main competition, Joe Schmitz, took second in the 1-meter, edging Donahue by a score of 373.30 to 369.75.

Third-place swimmers include Tommy Liem '97 in the 100m Butterfly, Matt Hawkins '97 in the 100m Backstroke, Mark Moldenhauer '97 in the 500m Freestyle.

Sophomore Andrew Wintermuth took fourth in the 500m IM, finishing less than four seconds behind winner and teammate Glass

Finally, the 200m IM relay team of Glass, Liem, Hawkins, and Matt Swensson '97 placed third, qualifying them for the NCAA's.

With the state competition behind them, the team looks forward to nationals, which take place at Emory University, on March 14-16. A week later, the New York State champions women's squad will compete in the NCAA's, also in Atlanta.

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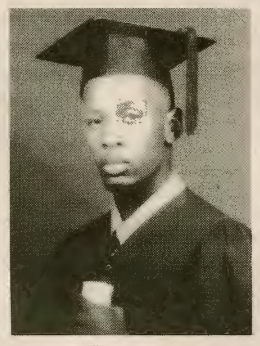

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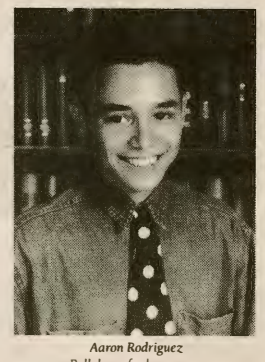

Aaron Rodriguez
Ballplayer freshman year.
Little League Coach sophomore year.
Killed junior year.
December 28, 1993
San Antonio, TX

If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.

Great One to Blues, finally!

Gretzky wants another ring

In NCAA Basketball: UMass fell to No. 2 last week after a 10-point loss to George Washington. The Minutemen then went to overtime against St.Joseph's before coming out on top, 68-66. ZooMass, as they've been called by some, are certainly not looking as dominant as they have. For that matter, if they keep playing like this, it could be curtains early in March. But, that's what I said about the Bruins from Pauley last year, so don't write off Camby's crew just yet... Interestingly, Kentucky coach Rick Pitino has said that his Wildcats do not deserve their new No. 1 ranking. Pitino doesn't want the bullseye put on his team, but he has a good case. Consider the fact that UMass and Kentucky have both lost only once. UMass beat Kentucky, so how does Kentucky wind up No. 1?

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In the NBA: How about the flurry of trades that went through right before the trading deadline last weekend. I've already gone on record regarding the Laettner trade, so I'll leave that one alone. In other deals, though, the Heat shook things up by acquiring two new major contributors, Tim Hardaway and Walt Williams from Golden State and Sacramento, respectively. Miami also got big men Tyrone Corbin and Chris Gatling. In exchange, the Heat dealt Kevin Willis, Billy Owens, Kevin Gamble, and Bimbo Coles. Hardaway, the Heat's new point guard, has already made his presence felt. The victim of numbers and attitude in Golden State, Hardaway will once again be the man, and will flourish for Pat Riley's squad. This guy can still play, as he showed Wednesday night, scoring 22 and dishing out 13 assists. Losing Willis to the Warriors in exchange for Hardaway was no big deal, since rookie Kurt Thomas has been groomed to fill the power forward slot all along. Williams is a solid addition, although he's no better than the versatile Owens. All told, Heat management knew they needed to put some other quality pieces around Alonzo Mourning, and they certainly improved their playoff chances with these two deals... Owens, incidentally, has stepped up in Sacramento, where he'll take some of the load off of Mitch Richmond's shoulders.

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In Baseball: Have you checked the Yankees pitching staff recently? With the return of Jimmy Key, the continued reliability of David Cone, the acquisition of under-rated Kenny Rogers, and the comeback of former Cy Young winner Dwight Gooden, the Yanks could have one of the top staffs in the league. While there are some questions, like Key's arm and Gooden's sobriety, that need to be answered, the potential is certainly there for a solid staff...

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In the NFL: The Jets signing of quarterback Neil O'Donnell has to be commended. This team is starting to put some of the pieces together. They started earlier in the signing period, acquiring book-end tackles David Williams and Jumbo Elliot. Now, with the addition of O'Donnell, and the promise of the first pick in the draft, the Jets figure to have a more potent offense come September. Expect the first pick to be Keyshawn Johnson, who, with O'Donnell, will add life to an anemic passing attack. Hopefully, O'Donnell will have more success than his predecessor, Boomer Esiason. It's an exciting time to be a Jet fan- but they still need to address the running game and pass rush before they will approach playoff material ...

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In the NHL: Of course, the news of the week in the hockey world was the long-expected deal of Wayne Gretzky to the Blues. Gretzky has wanted out of Los Angeles for quite awhile as he has stated his wish to make another run at a Stanley Cup. With the trade, the Great One gets his wish, as he'll be playing with one of the league's top scorers, Brett Hull. The Kings had to deal Gretzky because, as a free agent, he was unlikely to return after the season. This trade has been likened to the 1993 deal which sent Joe Montana from San Francisco to Kansas City. The similarities are striking: Both have won four championships. Both were traded from a team in California to a team in Missouri with hopes of taking the Missouri team to the promised land. If precedent is relevant, the Chiefs made the AFC Championship once in Montana's two year tenure as a Chief, but did not make it to the Super Bowl. Gretzky will have the same effect on the Blues. He'll help them advance in the Western Conference playoffs, but this team has too many other holes for him to carry them to the Cup...

Scorecard

By Trip MacCracken

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Mark Granovsky *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 7-5 To date: 46-29	Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 8-4 To date: 52-23	Jason Santarcangelo *Associate Editor* Last Week: 7-5 To date: 54-21	Damon Lopez O'Dwyer *Associate Editor* Last Week: 8-4 To date: 45-30	David Townsend Editor-in-Chief *Guest #7* Last Week's Guest: Dan McAllister '99 4-8
NBA					
Vanderbilt at #1 Kentucky 3/2	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
#2 UMass at #18 Louisville 3/2	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
#4 Connecticut at Seton Hall 3/2	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut
#7 Villanova at #9 Georgetown 3/2	Georgetown	Georgetown	Georgetown	Georgetown	Villanova
#8 Texas Tech vs. Rice 3/2	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
#10 Utah at Brigham Young 3/2	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah
#12 Wake Forest at N.C. State 3/2	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest
NHL					
Boston at NY Islanders 3/5	Boston	Boston	Boston	NY Islanders	Boston
New Jersey at NY Rangers 3/4	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers
Philadelphia at Washington 3/3	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Washington	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Vancouver at Detroit 3/2	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
St. Louis at Florida 3/5	Florida	St. Louis	St. Louis	Florida	St. Louis

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Write for the *Spectator!*

Sichol and Lang leave opponents' heads swimming

~~Zane Murdock '99~~
SPORTS STAFF

When Hamilton's Women's swimming team won its second consecutive state championship on Feb. 14-17, the stories of two swimmers who are in opposite points of their college careers seemed to emerge from the rest of the pack. Captain Liz Sichol '96, who has excelled as one the Continentals top swimmers over the past four years, faces her last swim meet when the team heads to the Nationals at Emory on March 14-16th. On the other hand, Cathlyn Lang '99 has plenty to look forward to after her successful finishes in the State meet. The guard will have to change next fall when Liz departs from the Hill, and Cathlyn appears ready to assume some of the responsibility to keep the team at the top.

Liz's four years at Hamilton have proved to be some of the most prominent of any of Hamilton's all-time swimmers. Liz started her swimming career at the young age of six and she swam for local clubs until she attended Deerfield Academy for High School where she held the role as the team's sprinter. Her choice to come Hamilton revolved around the idea that she could reach her full potential while swimming for a Division III program as opposed to the more competitive and time consuming Division I teams. Her decision to join Hamilton's squad, coupled with the coach's idea to switch her to the distance events, has clearly paid off as she currently holds her name on at least six Hamilton and three State records and she has been voted an All-American four times.

Captain Liz Sichol '96 PHOTO BY ERIN SCULLY MITCHELL '96

Cathlyn Lang '99 PHOTO BY ERIN SCULLY MITCHELL '96

In her four years here Liz also comments that "the teams have improved each year, with this years team probably achieving the best." She hopes that she has taught the younger swimmers, including Cathlyn, the way to victory. Cathlyn admits that she has learned a great deal from Captain Liz and she feels that "the team's support and unity has helped her the most during her first year of college swimming." Cathlyn had a successful year which apparently culminated with her first place finish in the 200 Butterfly and three second place finishes during the States.

Liz will lead the Continentals to the Nationals over Spring Break, where the team placed twelfth last year. Although her career will evidently end following the event, Liz seems both excited and relieved that she can retire after a outstanding Hamilton career. Cathlyn hopes "that the team will stick together over the years because all of the swimmers on the team have the potential to be great as long as they give their best."

My Two Cents: St. Lawrence, Sichol, and Handley

..Despite their 85-78 loss to St. Lawrence last night, the Hamilton College basketball team made me proud. No matter how far they were down, whether 26-12 or 55-41, Hamilton kept on fighting. They showed they were not quitters. Unfortunately, every time Hamilton mounted a comeback, a loose St. Lawrence team proved too resilient. People can blame the refs, coaches, players or whomever else they want, but there is no one to blame for this loss. St. Lawrence won this ball game. They played out of their minds and clearly had their best performance of their season. St. Lawrence shot 48% from the field while Hamilton shot a lackluster 36%. More times than not a team who shoots better is going to win the ball game. In my four years, the Hamilton College basketball team has always represented the school with dignity, pride, and most of all a never quit attitude. This is what athletics is all about. This night was just not meant to be. Two thumbs up to the crowd, especially the dog pound, who were outstanding as always, helping Hamilton mount comeback after comeback.

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...Hoops and hockey may be the two most visible winter sports at Hamilton, but swimming is definitely the most successful sport. The sad thing is that many people at this school, even the interested sports fans, know little about the accomplishment of the men's and women's swim teams. The majority of this school has only been to the pool to pass the infamous swim test. This year, the women's swim team won their second consecutive state championship. The men have placed second the last two years and won the state championship three years ago. All-Americans abound in this program. Liz Sichol '96 can flat out swim as she has been a perennial All-American in each of her four years on the Hill. Quick, Greene, and Dalton are just some of the great names from the last four years. Credit must go to Coach Dave Thompson. Thompson gets the most out of his swimmers. They have fun and they win. This is a motto which all Division III sports coaches should follow.

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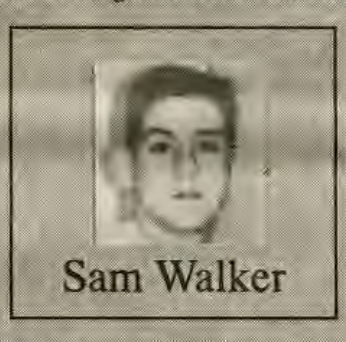
... WRUN 1150 am, a commercial radio station that broadcasts the Utica Blizzard and New York Yankees, announces every Hamilton basketball game, home and away. WHCL 88.7 fm, Hamilton's radio station, broadcasts about ten games per year. Most of the games WHCL does not broadcast occur during breaks when the radio station is off the air. But when WHCL wants to do a game on the radio and makes arrangements, WRUN always gets priority over the school's radio station. Or better yet, WHCL broadcasts home games from Bolivia, a.k.a. the bleachers, while WRUN gets the press table. WRUN receiving priority is clearly the decision of Hamilton. The other night at SUNY-Utica sheds insight into this problem. WHCL Sport Director Jeff Turcotte made arrangements with SUNY-Utica to broadcast the game. WRUN made no such arrangements. When WHCL arrived, WRUN had already set up their equipment in SUNY-Utica's only phone jack, the one WHCL requested, and Jeff wanted an explanation. Marc Simon, Hamilton's Sports Information Director said WRUN had the right to the phone line despite the fact they made no such arrangements. Why do they have this right? Marc said this is just the way it always has been. This is utterly preposterous!!! Luckily, we were able to get the game as we ran a 50 foot phone cord out of an office, but the fact is WRUN, a station which is not Hamilton affiliated, received priority. Hamilton needs to get its priorities straight.



Sam Walker

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...St. John's must fire Brian Mahoney and hire P.J. Carlesimo... The NCAA's are heating and March Madness is constantly on my mind. My final four prediction are: UMass, UConn, Georgia Tech, and Kentucky. UMass wins it all. My sleepers are Boston College, George Washington, and Texas Tech... Baseball is back and so are the Mets. While they are probably a year away from challenging the Braves, this team might be able to win the wild-card. Remember the name Paul Wilson. This Met pitcher is going to be special. The responses to my last question were remarkable, so I have come up with a new question for my New York readers. Who is the best coach in New York sports in the last fifteen years? Davey Johnson, Bill Parcells, Pat Riley, Lou Carneseca, Mike Keenan, and Buck Showalter are my nominees. I gotta go with Davey Johnson. The Mets of 1986 were not an easy team to handle as Strawberry, Gooden, and Mitchell were surely no choirboys. Johnson made the right moves, gave the players space, and most all, provided New Yorkers with some of the best baseball ever. Think about the other side of this question. Who has been the worst coach in New York's sports in the last fifteen years? And there have been a lot. My nominees are Ray Handley, Rich Kotite, Brian Mahoney, Stump Merrill, Stu Jackson, and Bruce Coslet. I opt for Ray Handley. No explanations are needed with this former Giants Head Coach. Once again, e-mail me your responses at swalker@itsmail1.hamilton.edu.

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Continentals succumb to Saints

Final buzzer sounds on Continental's NCAA run

GREG NUSSBAUM '98
SPORTS STAFF

The Margaret Bundy Scott field house looked like a morgue Thursday night as the Continentals roller-coaster season came to an abrupt end at the hands of the St. Lawrence Saints, 85-78.

St. Lawrence entered the game 17-8 and third place in the UCAA conference. Although previously losing to the Continentals twice, the Saints were charged with emotion, as the game marked their first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 1984.

Highly anticipated, Margaret Bundy Field House was filled with Hamilton fans who came to cheer " I'm so pumped up, I can'tfeel anything," said "dawg pound" member Pat Irving '98. Sean Ryan '97 expressed similar emotions, "I think Hamilton is going to kick some butt. We're all going to support the team in the dawg pound". Others like Trip McCracken '96 were more low-key, "I'm so excited." Even the referees were excited: "This is exciting, I hope the dawg pound torments me all night."

After a riveting rendition of The National Anthem performed by the Buffers and Special-K, St. Lawrence won the opening tip. Hamilton struck first, however, as Mike Schantz '99 scored the first bucket off a tip-in, at 18:31. Hamilton controlled the tempo early and built a tentative 10-6 lead. St. Lawrence responded and exploded on a vicious 18-0 run that saw Hamilton miss open shots and commit multiple turnovers. With St. Lawrence leading 24-10, Scott Pace finally broke the run by converting a pair of free throws. The combination of Schantz and Pace scored the first 18 Hamilton points in the first half. It wasn't until Kevin Larson '97 hit a three-pointer with 4:58 left in the first half, that another Hamilton player scored. With the score 29-21, Joe Mrozienski '96 hit back-to-back buckets to make the score 31-25. Larson and Paul Rava '97 contributed to the Continental comeback with unanswered buckets to bring the count to 33-29. With less than a minute left, Kevin Thorpe '98, swished a pivotal three to make the score 33-32, which provided the spark that Hamilton needed going into the second half.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Joe Mrozienski '96 warms up for what turned out to be the last game in his stellar Continental career

By halftime, the crowd had recovered from the debilitating 18-0 run. Everyone agreed that Hamilton was back in sync, and that they were ready to take control in the second half. Said Jim Nobis '97, "I don't know much about basketball, but if we continue to put the ball in the hoop, we'll win." Others supported specific players: "I love Thorpy" said Anthony Schena '98. The halftime antics of the Blues Brothers brought alive the spirit of the Continental faithful, who were resurrected.

Hamilton scored immeadiately first in the second half, on a Scott Pace jumper, to grab the lead. After trading field goals, St. Lawrence went on a 13-0 run which proved lethal to Hamilton's advancement in the tour-

*please see **Hoops** on page 21*

Winter Track wrap-up

MATT NOLAN '98
SPORTS STAFF

The NYSWCAA and the NYSCT&FA held at Hamilton last weekend yielded some excellent performances from Hamilton athletes. While the men's and women's team scores were relatively poor against the field, several athletes took home honors at the award stand. In the 1000 meter race senior Andrew Bomann ran to a third place finish in a time of 2:35.97. Sophomore Bob "Tuna" Fish took a third as well with a throw of 14.04 meters in the shot put. Rob Whelan '98 took a fourth place finish in the 400 meter and then return to anchor the men's 4x400 meter team to a 5th place. The women's side saw Tami Koch '96 break her own school record and take a third place in the women's 800 meter. She was followed quickly by Jen Lentek '99 who placed third in the event. Tiffany Chappell '98, the top qualifier in the women's 200 meters took home a third place with an excellent showing. The women's squad also broke the school records in the 4x800 meters, and the 4x400 meters.

Hockey smokes Camels

BY MARK GRANOVSKY '98
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's hockey upset #4 Connecticut College in the ECAC Hockey East tournament. Hamilton defeated Conn by a formidable score of 9-3. Jeff Bradley '97 scored four goals and two assists in the impressive win to push his point total to 95 on the season. Gary Heenan '97 added a goal and three assists in the win while Joe Baudo '97 made three assists. Sean Brady '96 will never forget the win as his two assists gave him 100 for his career. The Continentals advance to the second round this Friday to play #1 ranked Salem State.

Hamilton managed to record a seed by luck. The top three teams in the ECAC East elected not to play in the championship because of rules in the NESCAC which prohibits teams from playing in both the ECAC Tournament and the NCAA Division III Championship. Middlebury Panthers (22-2), Colby Mules (19-4) and Bowdoin Polar Bears (18-5-1) all hope to receive bids to the NCAAs.

Despite consecutive losses to Connecticut College and Holy Cross last weekend, the Continentals managed to record a #5 seed in the ECAC East. The retaliation win over #4 Connecticut improves Hamilton's 1995-96 record to 14-10-1. Through twenty-five games, the Continentals have outscored opponents a whopping 128 to 85. Green now leads the Continentals with 44 points, followed by Bradley and Brady with 43 and 37 respectively. Goalie Kendall Brook '96 (6-6-1) has allowed a mere 2.81 goals in his thirteen games, while Joe Mucha (5-2) has averaged 3.23.

Friday was a heartbreaker. Connecticut College edged Hamilton 3-2, despite the excellent play of Jeff Bradley '97. Bradley, part of the Canadian connection, scored one goal and an assist in the loss to hit 95 career points. Saturday was another one-goal loss as Holy Cross pulled out a 5-4 win over the Continentals. Sean Brady made a goal and an assist in the loss.

Hamilton lost to University of Connecticut last year by a score of 9-4. They will face #1 Salem State (17-8-1) in Massachusetts tonight. Salem State won the ECAC Championship last year and they defeated #8 Holy Cross, on Tuesday, by a score of 3-2.

Men's Squash wins class D tourney

BY MACRAE SYKES '96
SPECIAL TO SPECTATOR SPORTS

Following a dramatic 5-4 loss to highly ranked Cornell, the Hamilton Squash Team travelled to Yale University for the National Intercollegiate tournament.

Arriving early Friday the team was treated to match play by Harvard and Williams and demonstration of the proper rules by a famous Canadian squash player.

Saturday morning Coach Scott Smith from Rome, NY roused the Continentals at 6 am for a the match against highly touted Haverford. Hamilton ousted their opponents quickly in an 8-1 drubbing with the only loss coming from a forfeit by Macrae Sykes.

Sykes had to leave the match suddenly after the being hit in the head by his opponent. Following a trip to New Haven ER for six stitches, Sykes explained, "There was a lot of blood and my face puffed up like a balloon. I felt more like a contender for a title fight, than collegiate squash player."

Connecticut College was more difficult for the Continentals as the final score was 7-2. Steve Keyes-Grevelis, Ware Sykes, Jon Teaford, and Stoyko Nikolov all cruised to impressive wins. Avery Cooke played well, but surrendered 3-2. Mark Mijangos explained 'that this win was crucial for our bid for the Conroy Cup." Teaford added that "the courts were really hot, but our training kept us well prepared."

Again awaking early on the weekend the team was gathered by their leader Smith and encouraged by Seniors Sykes and Teaford who promised much celebration with a victory over Columbia. Hamilton had split the regular season with Columbia in very close 5-4 matches. Once again the individual game play was crucial as the Continentals squeaked out a win by just one match.

Contributing to the winning cause were Avery Cooke, Mac Sykes, Ware Sykes, Doug Prezzano, Jon Teaford, and Steve Keyes-Grevelis. Mark Mijangos, Styko Nikolov, Fedor Smith, and Owen Grant played well but with less favorable outcomes.

Soon after accepting the Conroy Trophy for intercollegiate play and taking a picture for Squash News magazine, Coach Smith exclaimed, "This is a wonderful moment in Hamilton Squash and I am very proud to be apart of this team. We have grown together and learned a lot about physical endearment. We could not have done it without outgoing seniors Stoyko Nikolov, Tripp Ridder, Mac Sykes, Jon Welch Teaford, and Ryan White. I look forward to next year.

The team should be sharp with a majority of starters returning and the addition of new recruits. Nikolov showed sorrow in his last year, but was excited for the team in the future. "The team's prospects look good," he said.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Hamilton squashed all opponents en route to victory.